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CHAMBER RAFFLE NETS MANY WINNERS

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Breaking winter's doldrums last Saturday night was the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce's Annual \$10,000 Raffle event. Besides handing out thousands of dollars in prizes, along with a grand prize of \$10,000, three members of the community were recognized.

For weeks before the event, Therese Kaiser was telling everyone she would win the grand prize because the raffle drawing was planned for January 26 -- her birthday. Call it the power of positive thinking or the ability to will fate, but Kaiser was prophetic in her claim. She, her husband, Skip, and her parents, Harold "Tike" and Sal Golnick, held the winning ticket when the night was through.

Three recognition awards were presented that evening -- the ATHENA, the Silver Lining and the Citizen of the Year.

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Photos by Linda Golnick

You can't say she didn't tell you so! Therese Kaiser (left) told everyone she knew that she was going to win the Chamber's \$10,000 grand prize because the drawing would fall on her birthday. Well, she was right. The winning ticket was purchased by Kaiser, and her husband, Skip, her mother, Sal Golnick, father Harold "Tike" Golnick. (Above) Chamber President, Tim Zigala, presented the larger than life check to the family.

GHS principal to retire

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

In a letter to parents/guardians of high school students, Crawford AuSable Schools' superintendent Milli Haug announced last week the impending retirement of Grayling High School principal, Judi Gorski.

Since last September, Gorski has been on medical leave. Since that time, Melissa Stone has served as interim principal -- a change from teaching science and advanced placement science classes.

Six people have shown interest in filling the high school principal position on a permanent basis and interviews by the CASD Board of Education will be held January 30 and 31 in the GHS Media Center. Haug has extended an open invitation to parents/guardians and the public to attend the interview process scheduled each day from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. "It is our hope to select a candidate and have the principal on board as soon as possible," Haug's letter states.

Once the new principal is hired, the school board will hold an Open House Reception to allow students, parents and the community to meet him or her.

Other changes have also taken place at Grayling High School. Haug reports Assistant Principal Loren Bass is filling a position at the school for the remainder of the school year. Filling the Assistant Principal position until June is current Athletic Director, Brian Banda. Haug said Banda will be "wearing both hats" until that time, as others have done in the past.

Tironi defense seeks new trial

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Sentencing was once again delayed in the Michael Tironi criminal sexual conduct (CSC) case last week as the case took some unexpected turns.

Tironi, 40, was originally scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Dennis Murphy on January 8 in Kalkaska's 46th Circuit Trial Court. The sentencing phase dragged on for hours that day but was stopped when defense attorney, Patrick Fragel, argued against allowing Prosecutor Brian Donnelly to bring forward two young men who would testify that they had been victimized by Tironi in the past and were paid to keep quiet about the incidents.

Tironi was found guilty by a jury in late November on charges of Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree and providing alcohol to minors stemming from a July 2000 complaint made by a then 18-year old Roscommon man. The incident was reported to have occurred at Tironi's former home near the Kalkaska/Crawford County line.

Days before the sentencing phase was to resume, Fragel informed the court that a juror hadn't revealed during the jury selection process that he had a reason to be excused

from the case and that he had since come forward. He requested the sentencing be stopped and asked Judge Murphy for a new trial. Donnelly argued Tironi had already been convicted November 29 and the sentencing should go on. He said the defendant has the right to appeal the verdict as well as the sentence at a later date. Judge Murphy then questioned the juror in closed session and the sentencing phase resumed.

Donnelly then brought forward three new witnesses who he said would prove that Tironi had not been "cured of his homosexuality" as his pastor had testified to during the trial. Two inmates of the Kalkaska County Jail, where Tironi has been lodged since conviction, took their turns on the witness stand.

One inmate testified he reported to a jail administrator that another inmate had been approached by Tironi and that inmate was not comfortable with the encounter.

The inmate Tironi allegedly approached testified the former Grayling teen center owner asked him if he would like to play cards one night before lock down and he obliged. The inmate said once he and Tironi sat down for cards, the

defendant initiated a conversation about homosexuality.

The inmate testified he told Tironi he was not gay and tried to change the subject. The 17-year old said he felt like Tironi was trying to "manipulate" or "brainwash" him into considering a gay relationship. He said, "I freaked out about how he was looking at me."

The inmate said he told Tironi he was not gay and later told a cellmate about the encounter and the cellmate advised him of the Tironi's CSC conviction.

Sgt. Harry Shipp took the stand to confirm he had received a written complaint from the inmate on the very day Tironi was to be sentenced. Shipp testified that inmates had complained of Tironi's use of the telephone near the jail's shower area whenever anyone was showering. One inmate said most people would turn their backs to the shower area when they are on the phone, but Tironi allegedly would go use the phone whenever someone would head to the shower and face them, making them feel uncomfortable.

Sgt Shipp said Tironi's activities put jail staff on the alert and following the complaint, he was placed in

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UNITED WAY NEARS GOAL; FUNDS STILL NEEDED

70 percent of \$55,000 goal has been reached

The Crawford County United Way has recently received major contributions from the employees of Mercy Hospital Grayling, Weyerhaeuser Company and Camp Grayling/M.A.T.E.S., raising the annual fund-raising campaign total to over 70% of the set goal of \$55,000.

"Mercy Hospital, Weyerhaeuser and Camp Grayling/M.A.T.E.S. have consistently been strong supporters of The United Way," said Executive Director, Cindy Timmons. "All three had record support with their employee contribution efforts this year, putting us very close to realizing our goal. We have approximately one more month to go on our present campaign and I'm very optimistic that we'll be able to reach our goal and have a successful campaign for 2002."

A campaign is considered successful when a local chapter reaches or surpasses the goal set

for their annual campaign. The \$55,000 goal was set based on allocation requests received from the 18 member agencies supported by the Crawford County United Way.

All of the member agencies meet with the Board of Directors to present their need for financial support from the United Way. The Board then takes into account each agency's needs and adds an additional amount to that total in order to support one part-time staff position and expenses associated with conducting the daily business operations of the local chapter.

While the Crawford County United Way is very near to reaching its established goal for this year's campaign, it is still in need of the community's support.

"The United Way has had a wonderful outpouring of support from the community and I'm confident that we'll continue to make

progress towards realizing our goals," said Timmons.

The Crawford County United Way will be conducting a few small fund-raisers before closing out its 2002 campaign. All funds raised remain within Crawford County to support the efforts of 18 human service agencies dedicated to meeting the needs of the residents of the county. They provide services addressing domestic violence, homelessness, hunger, affordable child care, and a variety of counseling.

Donations to the Crawford County United Way are 100% tax-deductible. Anyone wishing to make a donation, may do so by mailing a check or money order to: Crawford County United Way, P.O. Box 171, Grayling, MI 49738.

For more information about the Crawford County United Way, contact Cindy Timmons, Executive Director, at 344-9300.

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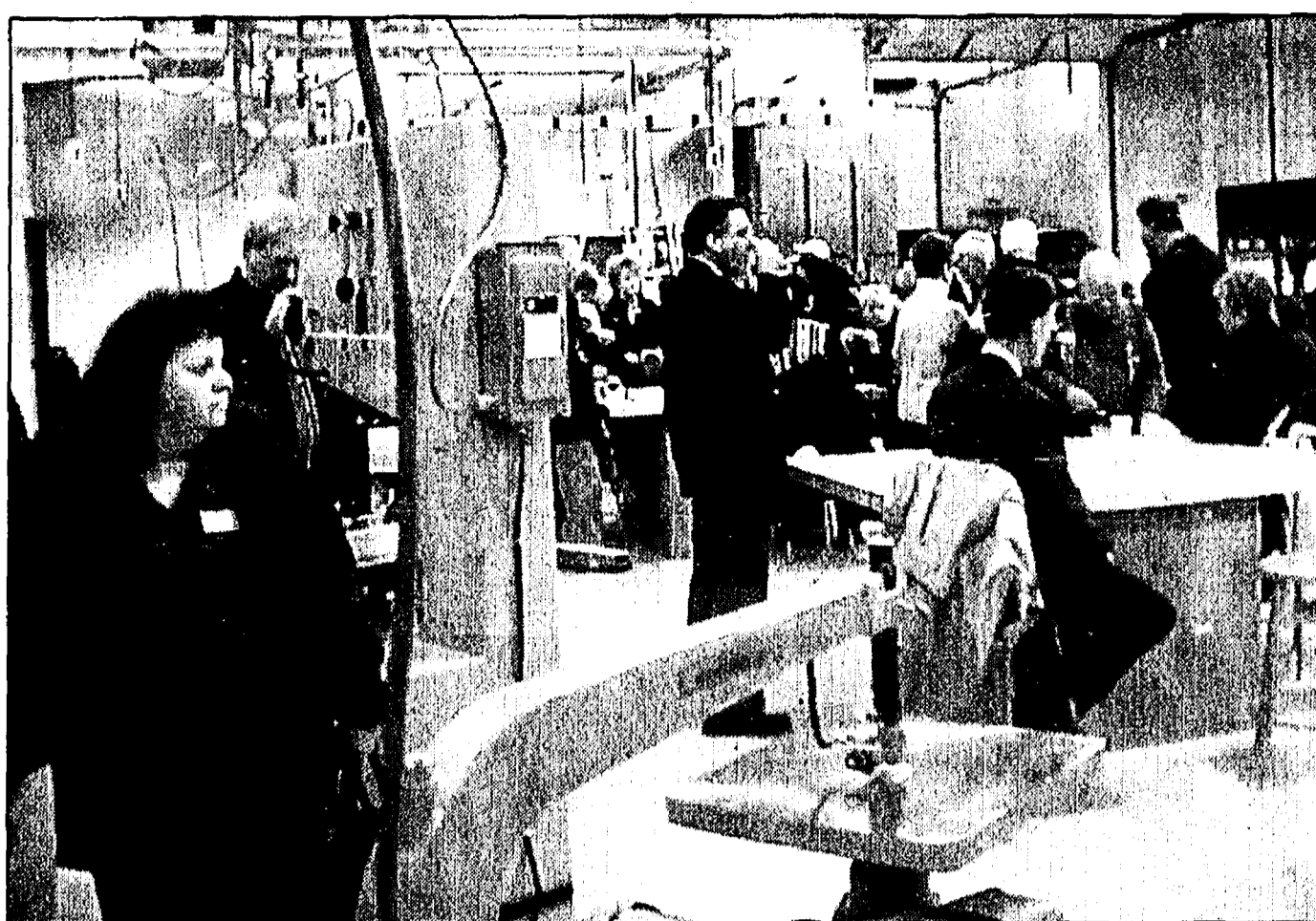


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GHS business students headed to State

For the second year in a row, the Grayling High School chapter of Business Professionals of America (BPA) is moving on to state competition.

"This is quite an accomplishment, since we only began our chapter last year," said Terri Snyder, Business Service Technology teacher.

The BPA is a national student organization composed of state associations and local chapters serving persons pursuing careers in business and office occupations as well as former members. It provides the opportunity for the development of leadership skills, personal and professional growth, and career-related competencies, explained Snyder.

"Involvement in Business Professionals of America enhances social awareness, civic responsibility, and understanding of the business community," stated Snyder. She added, the mission of the BPA

is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, and academic and technological skills.

The Grayling High School chapter of BPA includes the following students: Officers - senior Stacey Kuhn, President; junior Jesse Van Slyke, Vice President; freshman Rachel Strelchuk, Secretary; sophomore Justin DeVille, Treasurer; freshman Kyle Luce, Historian; and junior Janelle Gregorich, Parliamentarian.

Other members include: freshmen Shanell Adair, and Erica Parker; sophomores Brittney Galloway and Sheryl Zarnick; and juniors Ashley Bancroft, Megan Bazzett, Lance Kingslien, Cody Myers, and Sherry Skiba.

Serving as advisors are Snyder and fellow Business Service Technology teacher John Lasby.

Students competed at the regional

level on January 12 at Central Michigan University, where approximately 600 students from Region VIII competed in a variety of business areas. The 30th annual Michigan Association State Leadership Conference will be held March 21-24 at the Detroit Marriott-Renaissance Center. This year's theme is "Live Each Moment."

Cody Myers will be moving on to state competition after placing 5th in "Spreadsheet Applications and Analysis." Two other members (currently undetermined) will compete at state level in open events. Other places obtained by Grayling High School members were: "Administrative Support Team -- Justin DeVille, Ashley Bancroft, and Janelle Gregorich -- placed 4th; Stacey Kuhn placed 7th in "Basic Office Systems and Procedures," and Ashley Bancroft placed 9th in "Computer-Aided Graphics."

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Student loan interest rate to remain low

Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) voted January 24 to pass bipartisan legislation aimed at ensuring college student loans stay affordable and accessible. The measure, S. 1762, will keep interest rates on student loans at the current, unprecedented low levels.

"An affordable education system is important to every American student wishing to obtain higher education," Camp said. "While achieving a college degree can be costly, this measure will help make the dream of obtaining an education a reality for many students."

More than nine million U.S. students will benefit from this legislation. Congress reduced interest rates on student loans last July. The recent vote will extend the current low interest rate to 2006. Interest rates for students on or after July 1, 2006 would be fixed at 6.8 percent, and parent loan interest rate would be fixed at 7.9 percent.

Chamber raffle nets many winners

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Laurie Figley, owner of Milltown Title and Escrow in Grayling, was named the 2001 ATHENA Award recipient. Named after the Greek goddess of wisdom, Figley was given the award for her professionalism and her longtime service to the community. She is active in many organizations both locally and statewide and is a recognized sponsor of the "Read and Feed Program" at Frederic Elementary School. She is a member of the Kiwanis Club, has served as the chairperson of the local Habitat for Humanity and president of the Chamber of Commerce. Figley's employees stated she is always encouraging them.

Local General Motors dealer, Brad Scheer, and the 2000 ATHENA Award winner, Jill Wyman, presented Figley with the ATHENA sculpture, provided by Scheer Motors in Grayling. General Motors is an underwriter of the ATHENA Award.

Airway Automation in the Grayling Industrial Park was the recipient of the 2001 Silver Lining Award, chosen by a committee of the Grayling Promotional Association. The award is given to a business each year that has made significant improvements to an existing structure. Chamber President, Tim Zigala, presented the award to Jack Bickler for the com-

pany's recent renovation of a vacant building. The building was enlarged, then renovated to match Airway's other buildings, creating an attractive grouping.

"Because exemplary citizens are the makeup of this community, the Chamber Executive Board makes this selection from nominations submitted for the Citizen of the Year," said Zigala. "This award goes to an individual or individuals who have unselfishly given their time and energy to our community."

For his dedication, persistence, creative thinking and boundless energy, his contributions to the Grayling Youth Booster Club, founding member of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, contributions to the AuSable River International Canoe Marathon and recently his vision of making Grayling a "walkable" community, Wayne Koppa was named the 2001 Citizen of the Year.

Koppa, through his determination and ability to make good presentations, developed relationships that helped in grant writing and resulted in nearly \$600,000 received for Phase I of the development of the new bicycle and walking path completed in 2001 which bears his name. Koppa's mother was on hand to present the award, who incidentally received the Owosso Citizen of the Year Award in 1981.



Mrs. Koppa presented the Citizen of the Year Award plaque to her son, Wayne, for his dedication to bring the newly opened, paved, non-motorized trail through Grayling. Mrs. Koppa was given the same award 20 years ago in Owosso.



Laurie Figley humbly accepts the 2001 ATHENA Award at the Chamber of Commerce annual raffle event.



Jack Bickler (left) accepts the 2001 Silver Lining Award for Airway Automation's recent building renovation project from Chamber President Tim Zigala.

T-Fab food to be distributed Feb. 5

Submitted by Marie Scott
Publicity Chairperson
V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary

Veterans of Foreign Wars Carl W. Borchers Auxiliary & Post 3736 will be distributing T-Fab food commodities at the Eagles Hall on February 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you have not been certified for this program, you will need to bring proof of income of all members in the household that is being certified, as well as identifications of the head of household.

If you receive Food Stamps, AFDC, SSI, Medicaid or General Assistance, you are eligible for this program.

Any resident of Crawford County who feels they might qualify will have to bring proof of gross income (gross income refers to total cash

receipts before taxes) for every working person in the household. A household is a single individual or group of related or non-related individuals, an immediate family or extended family who are living as one economic unit and for whom food is customarily purchased and prepared in common.

Also, bring personal identification for the head of household. Driver's license is preferable. If your income is a direct deposit, bring in your bank statement. If you have no income, you must bring in a statement from Social Services to that effect or bring your eligibility card from any of the above mentioned programs.

Eligibility is based on (1) wages and salaries before any deductions, (2) receipts from non-farm and farm

self-employment, (3) regular payments from social security, railroad retirement, unemployment compensation, strike benefits, veterans' benefits, public assistance including supplemental security income (SSI), training stipends, alimony, private pensions, government employee pensions, and regular insurance or annuity payments and (4) income from dividends, interest, royalties, or periodic receipts from estates or trusts.

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Tironi defense seeks new trial

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administrative segregation or solitary confinement for the safety of everyone in the jail. Shipp also testified that Tironi received a package containing listings off the Internet of information on other inmates. He told Shipp he just wanted to learn more about the inmates and wanted to help them with their cases. Shipp said he highly discourages "jailhouse lawyers" and took the list from Tironi.

Donnelly was prepared to bring the two other victims to the stand, but testimony was avoided when Tironi agreed to accept their written statements into the record of the trial. Earlier, the defense argued the witnesses had signed agreements with Tironi to with-

hold disclosure of their experiences. Donnelly said the testimony would give the court the full depth of Tironi's pattern of sexual conduct. Donnelly said one witness had been victimized from the time he was about 14 years old and when he cut off any contact with Tironi, the man began to lure the other witness.

Judge Murphy deemed the agreements "void and against public policy" because they concern criminal activity. He said he would not make a hasty decision about granting a mistrial in the case. "If the law requires a new trial, we'll have one," said Judge Murphy. "If not, we'll go to sentencing." The case is expected to continue within the next three weeks.

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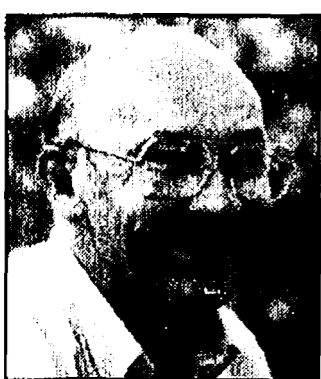
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OPINIONS



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by Richard Milliman

New epitaph for Engler: Science Governor

GOV. JOHN ENGLER'S 12th and final State of the State message last week was remarkable, both in what it said and what it didn't say.

He spent precious little time reviewing victories of past years or pointing with pride at accomplishments.

Instead he plowed ahead into the future -- a future in which he likely will not have much of a hand in developing for Michigan.

Gov. Engler has said many times he wanted to be known as a Tax Cutting Governor. Others have thought of him as the Education Governor or the Welfare Reform Governor.

Now he appears headed in a different direction. If everything comes to pass that John Engler outlined in his 2002 State of the State Message, he rightfully could become The Science Governor.

IN THE ANNUAL message to Michigan, Mr. Engler glided right past the most severe problems facing the state this year -- vexing budget problems. He didn't even mention

them.

He also spent little time on legislative programs for 2002, talking briefly about education, welfare and health care, and a plan to force accountability by Blue Cross administration.

Instead he outlined far-sighted challenges and opportunities, urging Michigan to jump out front, and fast, in developing hydrogen fed fuel cells, rare isotope accelerator, and statewide broadband.

As hydrogen-fed fuel cells are developed, Mr. Engler said, and as they "go from the space shuttle to powering your family car, they will transform our very way of life."

A rare isotope accelerator would permit science "to achieve breakthroughs in nuclear physics, biomedicine, materials research, even national security," Mr. Engler said.

The governor cited a study showing "significantly greater deployment of broadband could mean a half million new jobs ... and an increase in state economic output by a

half a trillion dollars" during the next 10 years.

So we're dealing with really important developments here, and John Engler wants Michigan at the head of the parade.

ONE SERIOUS problem comes to mind in how Michigan is going to take the lead in all this science stuff.

Most people don't know what you're talking about. First someone will have to teach the people what it's all about.

How many people today know what a fuel cell is? How about an isotope accelerator? Or even statewide broadband?

Relatively few, I guess.

To get the state deeply involved in these ultra high tech areas is going to require a massive education campaign.

Why should taxpayers put their hard-earned tax dollars into projects they don't understand?

People understand roads and schools and even welfare payments ... but fuel cells and

isotopes and broadband are a foreign language.

Our Science Governor is right. These are important programs. They could mean a lot of good things for Michigan people. But the people have to understand them first.

It can be done, but it won't be easy and it won't be fast.

ANOTHER INTERESTING element in the Engler message was how much Michigan depends upon Washington -- even with Mr. Engler proudly waving the banner for states' independence.

Several times he called on Michigan's congressional delegation to line up behind programs that he said are important to Michigan -- hiring more border guards and customs agents for Michigan's huge expanse of Canadian border, seeking relief from federal regulations which auto makers find oppressive, encouraging federal aid for research projects in Michigan, and on and on.

His pleas are realistic, but sound a bit strange coming from a governor who has spent 11 years so far pleading for more state independence from the federal government.

All in all, the Engler swan song was a good speech.

With 12 years in the front office, after 20 years earlier in the legislature, strong shots of I-remember-when and pointing-with-pride would be natural and excusable.

But Mr. Engler spent only a few sentences bragging about the past, mainly about his education initiatives, and only about one page of a 23 page opus in nostalgia about the past.

That self-effacing ratio is pretty remarkable in itself.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

EDITOR

Freedom of speech one of our greatest rights

To the editor,

I am writing in response to a recent "Letter to the Editor" written by a downstate M.D. who wrote in response to the weekly paid advertisement written by the Calvary Baptist Church. May I submit a personal opinion regarding his letter.

One of the greatest liberties bestowed upon Americans, is our freedom of speech. We may not agree with everything we read or hear, but it's one of our greatest rights.

I, too, am of foreign descent, German and Scottish and it was these freedoms that attracted my ancestors to come to this great country.

In America we do not "oppress" our people. Public opinion will always be an everyday occurrence in this great land called the U.S.A. When you or your descendants became naturalized as an American citizen, you or they also accepted the freedoms by which this country was founded on. If you do not agree with our practices in America, I suggest you return to your homeland, where oppression is probably an accepted practice.

The Crawford County Avalanche or Calvary Baptist Church owes no one an apology. They are practicing their "Freedom of Speech."

Welcome to the U.S.A.

Janet L. Bean
Grayling

Negativity keeps fan from school sports

To the editor,

I feel compelled to write this letter given the fact that in the past year I haven't been able to go to any athletic activity without hearing the negative responses about the coaches/team.

What are high school Athletics? It is a team of young men and women who, through whichever sport they choose to play, represent our school district as well as our community! This is not Little League, GRA, or Redskins Football, all of which are very vital programs that give children an opportunity to participate in various sporting activities. Once your child walks through the doors of the Grayling High School,

everything is played at a much higher level. Therefore, for our school to become competitive and successful, don't subject your child to negative comments about the coaches/team.

Put forth the extra effort to help the program to become successful by encouraging your child to participate in all of the extra training made available by your coaching staff (camps, weight training, open gym, etc.). Only then can they reap the benefits of a successful athletic program. We are role models; our children feed off our attitudes, whether it is negative or positive!

Grayling High School has a formidable coaching staff, which is

under a microscope. In fairness to them, rather than filling our children's ears, newspapers, and coffee shops with negative attitudes, become pro-active. Offer one to two hours a week or month for helping with the open gym or weight training programs. Get involved! Anyone who wants to volunteer time, please call 348-3982.

Every one of us wants their child to be a starter. However, not all of them can be. This doesn't mean they are not an important part of the team, whether it be at practice or at the game. There is more to the sport than just the actual game. They have to be able to play whenever they are called

upon because of an injury, disciplinary action, etc. Let the coaches decide which kids will be the starters based on their overall practice participation, performance and attitude. That is their job.

Bottom line: I have two children who will both be in high school next year and I tell them on a daily basis that they can become a major player or just a participant, based on how much extra effort they put forth.

Thanks for listening. Go Vikes!

Craig Stewart
Grayling

Editor's note: The Crawford County Avalanche will not be accepting any more letters to the editor on the subject of Christianity versus Islam at this time. As always, we appreciate your views and welcome letters on other subjects of interest to our readers.

Former coach does not speak for Redskins

To the editor,

The Grayling Redskin Football Program would like to respond to Mr. Cook's letter that appeared in the January 24 edition of the Avalanche.

In no way are Mr. Cook's views or opinions supported by the Grayling Redskin Football Program or its board members. The Redskin football program strongly supports the Grayling

school system and all of its coaches. Mr. Cook is no longer a part of our organization and should not have associated our name in his letter.

Coach Moffit, keep up the excellent job you're doing. Go Vikings.

John Schneider, President
Bill Dean, Vice President
Grayling Redskin Football

Red busses not just part of the scenery

To the editor,

For years I have observed the red busses of the Crawford County Transit Authority bustling about the town and county, but until a recent opportunity, I had never given them, their drivers, or their occupants much thought. I suspect that most county residents are as unaware of the amazing service the transit system provides as I had been.

As a recent retiree, I have been entertaining the possibility of a bit of work to occupy my free time. I was offered the opportunity to train as a driver for the Transit Authority

in order to evaluate whether it would suit me.

During the past week, I rode with three of the drivers and observed the daily operation of the service. I cannot overstate how impressed I am with the professionalism of all the individuals I met during this week. The alacrity with which the members of this organization manage with the complexity of door-to-door pick-ups and deliveries amazed me. I traveled the county from north to south and east to west. The dispatchers and drivers seemed to know every street, road and trail.

Passengers were always treated with respect and consideration. When children were the passengers, they were taken to their door and held until an adult appeared to take responsibility for them. Their safety was always of foremost concern.

Seniors and the handicapped were often riders. The lift system made entry and exit of the vehicle manageable for those who needed it. Meals were delivered to homebound individuals throughout the county. I am certain those who received them were grateful and happy to see a visitor, even if the

visit was brief. The system also provides transportation for individuals requiring medical treatment at distant facilities.

I must admit, I found the duties of a transit driver to be more overwhelming than I was ready to attempt. Despite my decision, I will never again relegate the red bus to background scenery. The community should be very appreciative and proud of the service the Crawford County Transit Authority provides.

Robert Woodland
Grayling

Drug addiction -- incurable disease?

If you had concluded for some reason that drug abuse is no longer a problem in this country, consider that in testimony before a recent Congressional hearing, a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) official noted a "huge increase" in the number of people trying heroin for the first time. Many people would agree with this assessment, and so does the Narconon program with respect to promoting effective and true rehabilitation. Unfortunately, the great majority of rehabilitation professionals consider addiction an incurable disease.

The drug problem persists despite harsh jail sentences, free "maintenance" drugs and clean needles, legalization and "harm reduction" programs designed to minimize the personal and social destruction

caused by addiction. Governments have implemented conflicting approaches to the problem of drug abuse, and the problem grows even more complex when one considers the real and significant dangers of the epidemic spread of the AIDS virus through shared hypodermic needles.

Clark Carr, President of Narconon International, has said, "The truth is a drug epidemic that is now posing a threat to us all is not a new problem." Carr points out that, back in the 60s, as the increased use of drugs in America hit a new plateau of acceptability, one of the early anti-drug crusaders, American author/researcher and humanitarian L. Ron Hubbard wrote: "The acceleration of widespread use of drugs, such as LSD, heroin, cocaine, angel

dust, marijuana and a long list of others, has contributed heavily to a debilitated society. The drug scene is planet wide. It is swimming in blood and human misery."

This observation and Hubbard's grave concern motivated him to spend the better part of the next 20 years researching effective antidotes to treat drug addiction. As the drug epidemic began to find its way from big cities to the rural communities, the problem grew unchecked, because typically, smaller communities did not have a large enough tax base to meet the increasing need to hire and train sufficient numbers of law enforcement officers. The limited resources of small towns created greater difficulty in providing accessible drug treatment programs or enough trained substance

abuse professionals or school nurses.

Carr believes that, if total communities are educated on drug abuse, and band together in a united effort to depopularize drugs, we can be triumphant in this battle and, in doing so, preserve the way of life we hold so dear. It must first be understood that the driving force behind the drug problem in America is 'supply and demand.'

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BRIEFS

Jr. Miss tickets go on sale this week

Tickets for the 2002 Grayling Junior Miss competition go on sale Friday, February 1 at Riverland Gear in Grayling. Tickets are \$10 each. The program will be held Saturday, February 16 at 7 p.m. in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School. Eleven young ladies are participating this year. Patrons are urged to buy tickets early for the best choice of seats.

Local Eastern Star chapter to meet

Grayling Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star will hold its stated meeting on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple located next to the Rialto Theatre in Grayling. Katherine Garbe, Worthy Matron; Bob Shaw, Worthy Patron.

FIA to hold Foster Parent orientation

The Crawford County and Roscommon County offices of the Family Independence Agency will begin an orientation series for prospective Foster Parents. The need for good foster homes in the two-county area has reached a critical point. Foster Parents receive compensation for child expenses. Anyone who feels they can provide a safe and nurturing home for children placed in the foster care system, should contact Paige Allyn at (989) 344-5106 for more information. Orientation begins February 5.

Church to host all-you-can-eat lunch

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church on Michigan Avenue in Grayling will host a soup, sandwich, salad and dessert luncheon on Thursday, February 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$4.50 per person for all-you-can-eat. Take outs will be available and everyone is welcome.

COA offers tax help for local seniors

The Crawford County Commission on Aging will be offering tax help for local senior citizens, enlisting the help of County Treasurer Joe Wakeley. He will assist, by appointment only, with taxes at his office in the Crawford County Courthouse on February 5 and 7, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, helping only with the Homestead Property Tax and Home Heating Credit portions on state tax forms. AARP volunteer Mick Forbes will be at the Center on Monday, February 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to handle the whole spectrum of income tax forms. Bring last year's forms for appointments with Mr. Forbes. Call Jan Farley at 348-7123 to make an appointment for either or both services; do not call the County Treasurer.

Help Center plans annual 'paper drive'

The Crawford County Community Christian Help Center will hold its Annual Paper Products Drive during the month of February. Paper towels, facial tissue, and toilet paper are needed for distribution to local families in need. Donations should be brought to the Help Center located at 300 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parishioners may also drop off donations at church and Help Center staff will pick them up. For more information, call Gerry Schroeder, Coordinator, at 348-6046.

Gardeners to discuss shade gardening

Master Gardeners, and anyone who is interested in gardening, are invited to the meeting of the Master Gardener Society on Monday, February 11, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Lyon Township Hall. Advanced Master Gardener Eleanor Washburn will present a program on Complete Shade Gardening. Come and learn about how to fill those difficult shade areas. For more information, call Co-Chairperson Jean at (989) 366-5169. Reservations are not required. Everyone is welcome and bring a friend.

Booster Club announces raffle winners

The Grayling Youth Booster Club 50/50 raffle winners of \$25 each for the week of January 27 were Tina Neilson, John Blaine, and Patti and Paula Chapp.

Lions Lucky 13 raffle winner named

The Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 Raffle winner of \$100 for Week 4 is Jan Blackmer of Frederic.

Garden club to discuss fertilizing

Beyond the Garden Wall garden club will meet Thursday, February 7 at 7 p.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. Meeting topic will be Composting: A Natural Way to Fertilize. Come and learn more; first three meetings are free of charge. Any questions may be directed to Sheryl at (989) 275-9920 or Pat at 348-3207.

Southern evangelist coming to Grayling

Evangelist John Weatherly of Atlanta, Georgia will be holding evangelical meetings at Abundant Life Tabernacle, 211 Shellenbarger Street in Grayling. Meetings will be held Sunday, February 3 at 6 p.m. and each evening from February 4-6 at 7 p.m. "Everyone is welcome to come and be refreshed and challenged by the Holy Spirit," said Pastor Lyle Studer. For more information, call (989) 344-1133 or (989) 348-5325.

Donations needed for rummage sale

The 2002 Project Graduation Committee will be holding its annual rummage sale on February 23-24 at the American Legion Hall. Non-clothing donations are currently being accepted by contacting Sue McNally at (989) 348-2324. Community support is necessary to make this event a success and is greatly appreciated.

Transplant support group to meet

The Organ & Tissue Transplant Support Group of Northern Michigan meeting will be held Thursday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in the boardroom at Otsego Memorial Hospital on US-27 North (825 N. Center) in Gaylord. Bring a friend or relative. For more information, call Bev at (989) 983-4188.

Macomers return for dinner show

On Thursday, January 31, the Community Cultural Events Command Performance Dinner Series continues with a return appearance of the Macomers, the premier college show choir ensemble from Macomb Community College. The Series offers family entertainment in a dinner setting. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Grayling Holiday Inn Evergreen Room with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Menu includes: whitefish or petite beef tenderloin, twice baked potato, vegetable, fruit and cheese platter, non alcoholic beverage, and Baked Alaska. Tickets at \$25 per person, tax and tip included, may be purchased at the Crawford AuSable School District Central Office at 403 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Master Gardener program to begin

It is never too early to start planning your garden for spring. You can begin to develop your green thumb in March through a program offered by the Michigan State University Extension. Master Gardener is an intense comprehensive educational program.

MSU Extension is providing its Master Gardener program from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning March 5. Classes will be held in the Commissioners Room at the Courthouse Annex, located at

112 S. Fourth Street in Roscommon. The course fee is \$165 for individuals and \$220 per household, if household members share the 500 page reference book that is provided.

Instructors for the course will be a combination of University and professionals in their field.

To qualify as a Master Gardener, 10 weeks of three-hour classes, including plant and soil science, lawn care, pest management, woody ornamentals and flower gardening

must be completed.

In addition to course work, gardeners must complete 40 hours of community service, including answering gardening questions for others, working on community beautification, talking to local groups, leading a garden group or other activities.

For more information, or for registration forms, interested people may contact the Roscommon County Extension Office at (989) 275-5043.

Seminar to focus on healthy relationships

A six week seminar focusing on building and maintaining healthy relationships and marriages will be held February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 4 and 11 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each night.

The seminar will be held at the Dean C. Burns Community Health Education Center in Petoskey across from the main entrance to Northern Michigan Hospital. The Center is part of the outreach efforts of the Northern Michigan Hospital Foundation.

This seminar will address rela-

tional and marital communication and will touch on topics that include communication enhancement, listening, understanding and accepting, values and boundaries, and working together in problems solving situations. Other topics will also be covered.

The program is designed for couples only. There is a \$65 fee which includes course materials. Registration is necessary.

For more information or to register, call HealthAccess at 1-800-248-6777.

Davenport to host academic financial aid workshop

As a community service, Davenport University, Gaylord Center will sponsor two one-hour workshops intended to take the mystery out of applying for student financial aid. The sessions will be held on Wednesday, January 30 and Wednesday, February 6, for 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in room 105 at the new University Center at Gaylord, located on the Yuill Alpine Center campus.

Area high school students, their parents/guardians, and adults who are interested in attending any college or university within the year are invited to attend one of the sessions. Davenport University staff will provide a general overview of the free application process for financial aid, which awards federal and/or private grants, as well as student loans, to assist with tuition and book fees.

According to Sheila Simpson, Davenport Center Coordinator in Gaylord, most students do not realize that funding may be available to them to help achieve their academic

goals. "By providing this opportunity to guide participants through the process, and answer common questions, we hope more students will complete their financial aid application early in the year to receive the maximum award, wherever they decide to attend." Students can designate up to six colleges on their financial aid application.

Space is limited, so interested persons are asked to call Davenport University at their new telephone number (989) 705-3720 or 1-888-352-5191 and designate which date they plan to attend.

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Gail Stahl and Family

The Bible Speaks

Suicide

Each year about this time we deal with the subject of suicide. There are some questions one considering suicide should think about. First, have you considered how much pain and how many problems you will bring upon those that really love you? Have you considered facing the God who made you in His image and created you for His glory? Have you considered the possibility that your existence after death may be worse than your present life? Have you considered the effects of your example upon others in the future? Have you considered that this is your only opportunity to live upon earth? Have you really exhausted every other avenue in trying to gain control of your life? Do you want everyone to know this is the final expression of your will and work upon earth? Have you sought mental help by contacting at (989) 348-8522 or (800) 442-7315 after hours? Have you talked with a Bible-believing pastor?

Remember, you are not the first person to consider such action. Millions of people have been in your shoes before. The Bible gives us many examples of how humans have dealt with depression and despair. Ahiathophel was a respected counselor to King David, until he joined the rebellion against David by his son Absalom. Ahiathophel's counsel was not followed, so he went home, "put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died." (2 Sam 17:23). King Saul, Israel's first king, following great success, disobeyed God, was therefore being defeated in a military battle. Out of despair, "Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it." (1 Sam 31:4) Both men had great opportunity and achievement, but when faced with failure both made the wrong decision of suicide.

Many great, Godly men in the Bible became depressed and wanted to die. Job suffered the loss of all his family, wealth,

health and reputation. His own wife told him, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die." (Job 2:9) Job certainly felt like dying. He said in Job 7:15, 16: "So that my soul chooseth strangling, and death rather than my life. I loathe it, I would not live always: let me alone; for my days are vanity." Yet, Job continued to trust God and God delivered and blessed him.

Jonah was a great evangelist and prophet of God, yet he became so depressed he wished to die. "Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live." (Jonah 4:3). Jonah "wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live." Yet, God blessed and restored him from his despair.

Moses, the greatest leader in the Old Testament became discouraged and in despair. Moses prayed to God: "And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness." (Num. 11:15). Yet, God was faithful and gave Moses victory over his discouragement and despair.

Elijah was one of the greatest prophets in the Old Testament. He was able to perform many great miracles and boldly confront the sins of Israel. Yet, following one of his greatest victories, he became depressed and despondent. Elijah "requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life." (1 Kings 19:4).

Jeremiah was another great prophet of God in Israel who became discouraged to the point he wished he had never been born. Jeremiah said, "Cursed be the day wherein I was born" (Jer. 20:14). Jeremiah wished he had died in the womb. (Jer. 20:17). Jeremiah said in Jer. 20:18: "Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour

and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame." Yet, God encouraged and restored Jeremiah. We honor him unto this day as "the great weeping prophet."

The apostle Paul gave us the best example of how to overcome such thinking. He said in Phil. 1:21-25: "21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. 23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: 24 Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you. 25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and joy of faith." When he felt like dying, Paul rededicated his life to serve God and others as long as he lived. (Phi. 1:22-25). Pastor B

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Albion College

Mary R. Dobry has been named to the Dean's List at Albion College for the fall 2001 semester.

Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester.

Dobry is a junior at Albion College and physical education/sports science. She is the daughter of John and Kathleen Dobry of Grayling and a graduate of Grayling High School.

Michigan State University

The following students were named to the Dean's List for Michigan State University for the fall 2001 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Brooke J. Ginther, Education, Paul R. Jansen, Human Biology, Natalie R. Kent, LBS Zoology, Brad A. Larm, Engineering Arts, and Amanda S. Trudgeon, Fisheries and Wildlife.

Gamma Phi Beta Sorority

Alicia Huffman, daughter of Mark and Kathy Huffman, has recently been elected Membership Education Vice President of the Epsilon Beta chapter of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority at Alma College. She has been a member of the sorority since fall semester of 2000. Huffman plans to major in Education and is currently a Zeta Sigma Sister and an Alma College Ambassador.

Moore, Gauthier wed



Stacy Gauthier and Andrew Moore

Andrew Moore and Stacy Gauthier were married on September 29, 2001, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling.

Parents of the couple are Fred and Nancy Moore of Grayling and Jan and Mary Jo Gauthier of Sparta, Wisconsin.

Matron of Honor was Erin Sorenson of Grayling, and Best Man was Tim Moore of Farwell. Other

attendants were Ashley Humphrey of Traverse City, Ben Cook of Traverse City and JC Millikin of Grayling. Ushers were Eric Brinks of Grayling, Jon and Scott Gauthier of Gainesville, Florida. Flower girls were Autumn Gauthier and Allison Moore.

The reception was held in Grayling at the Holiday Inn. The couple spent their honeymoon in Toronto.

Under the Lily Pad



"Uh-oh guys, here comes that 'human' again. It must be feeding time. She seems OK, but you never know. Let's hide under the lily pad until the coast is clear. We'll feel safe there."

In today's uncertain society, people have learned to be more cautious, especially of those who offer us the world. Anxiety and hidden agendas dot our social landscape—who can we trust to tell us the truth? Where are we really safe? We cannot and should not live in fear.

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Find your protection in God's house each week as you study His Word and rest your fears in the strength of unfailing wisdom.

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Acts 11:19-30

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Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
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MSUE sponsors Deer Management Workshops

MSU Extension in northern lower Michigan is sponsoring three Deer Management Workshops. The purpose of these workshops is to provide private landowners and hunters with information about how to manage white-tailed deer on property used for hunting. Management topics will include Quality Deer Management (QDM), Wildlife Management Concepts, Habitat Management, Forestry Management, Deer Nutrition, and Designing Food Plots.

Potential QDM topics include comparison of QDM to Traditional and Trophy management, positive and negative aspects of practicing QDM, harvesting principles you can use to manage your herd, factors affecting antler development, and how to age does and bucks by sight and body composition.

"As a result of regulations and restrictions on feeding and baiting in northern lower Michigan due to

Bovine Tuberculosis, persons who want to attract white-tailed deer to their property must now use other methods," says Robyn Oliver, North Region Wildlife Agent with MSU Extension. "These workshops will provide information on how to manage different cover types on private land. For example, one presentation will discuss how to create and maintain openings. Where natural openings exist, landowners can simply mow and fertilize these areas 2-3 times a year to increase their attractiveness to deer and other wildlife. Conversely, a landowner with a large parcel of forest land, can conduct a commercial timber sale on their property to create openings that wildlife such as deer, elk, turkey, or grouse find desirable."

For landowners interested in planting wildlife food plots, these workshops also offer advice on how to successfully grow grasses, legumes, and other annual crops.

According to Oliver, growing crops for wildlife in northern lower Michigan, where sandy soils and short growing seasons prevail, requires careful attention to avoid costly mistakes.

"Many areas of land, particularly in northeast lower Michigan, are droughty by nature and the native soil may not be ideal to support agricultural crops such as alfalfa or corn," explains Russell Kidd, North Region Forestry Agent for MSU Extension. "Instead, landowners should consider having their soil tested to see what will grow best on their land. For example, by using a mixture of seed such as red clover, smooth bromegrass, and ladino clover, a landowner will probably have better success on these sandy sites than in trying to establish a pure stand of alfalfa for wildlife food plot." Oliver adds, "in many cases, wildlife will use almost any area that is lush and green to graze or seek out

insects. It doesn't always have to be a premium crop such as alfalfa, corn, or other commercial mixtures."

One workshop will be held in West Branch on February 9, where Brian Murphy, QDMA Executive Director, will be a guest speaker. Another workshop will be held in Gaylord on February 23, where Harley Sampson, Jr., QDMA Regional Director will be a guest speaker. The third workshop will be held in Alpena on March 23. More details on the third workshop will be published when available. Cost is \$25 per person and includes admission, materials, and lunch. The workshop proceeds will be used to establish test food plots in the host counties.

Vendor space is also available for each of the three conferences. Sporting goods or hunting stores, local elevators or others selling seed mixtures, wildlife or forestry consultants, and other interested parties are encouraged to apply early because space is limited. Sponsorships are also available at various levels. To register, reserve vendor space, or become a sponsor for any of the three workshops contact the Ogemaw County MSU Extension office at (989) 345-0692.

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If you are a Social Security beneficiary, you can look forward to getting your Social Security Benefit Statement for Tax Year 2001 (SSA-1099) soon. The statement shows how much you received in Social Security benefits for the year and may be used when you complete your federal income tax return to find out if any of your benefits are subject to tax.

If you lose or do not receive your

SSA-1099, you can request a replacement online from Social Security's website, at www.ssa.gov/1099/. You will need your name as it appears on benefit checks and/or letters and your Social Security number. You may also need your date and place of birth and your mother's maiden name (to help identify you).

If you request a replacement on behalf of a deceased beneficiary,

you will need the beneficiary's name and his or her Social Security number. (You may only request on behalf of a deceased beneficiary if you have received benefits on the same record.)

For more information on taxation of Social Security benefits, call the Internal Revenue Service's toll-free number, 1-800-829-3676, to ask for Publication 554, *Tax Information for Older Americans*.

Lady Eagles help Mercy Manor

During its January meeting, the Grayling Chapter of Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of Eagles presented a check for \$1,000 to Mercy Hospital's Mercy Manor. The donation came from the Alzheimer's Fund of the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles and will be used toward the purchase of a wheel-chair accessible glider swing for Mercy Manor residents.

The swing will be available for all residents, but will be especially useful for patients who may be agitated or confused.

The rocking motion will be calming and this "natural" treatment may reduce or eliminate sedating medication often necessary to soothe them.

In this way, this equipment will improve the quality of life for

Alzheimer's and other patients.

The gift from the Eagles, added to another from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund, constitutes about 75% of the funds needed for this equipment. For further information or to make a donation, contact Glenda Jacobs at Mercy Manor, 348-0317, or Program Development Manager Carol Todoroff at 348-0566.

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Immunization clinics: Call for information and appointments.

Family planning: Call for information and appointments.

Optional/confidential HIV/AIDS testing: Call 348-7800 for appointment.

WIC Supplemental Food Program for pregnant women, infants and children: February 11, 18, 20, 22, 25, and 28.

Breast and cervical cancer screening February 18. Call 1-800-968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This program is available to women

ages 40 -64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Other services are available; call (989)348-7800 for appointment.

Other health services include: Maternal/Infant support - Families Matter, Environmental Health (well and septic permits, food service, water testing, etc.), HIV/AIDS testing, OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Training session. Free hearing and vision screenings for ages three - 18 years by appointment, as scheduled; Mi Child and Healthy Kid Insurance Programs; Health Promotion Programs: - Smoking Cessation Classes - Abstinence Education (and various health topic presentations by health educators).

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 58 complaints during the week of January 20 through January 26:

Four private property collision,

one traffic accident, four motorist assist, one misdemeanor arrest, one domestic complaint, five larceny complaints, one breaking and entering, one forgery complaint, one stolen vehicle complaint, two fire complaints, two city ordinance violations, one animal control complaint, one juvenile complaint, one assist other departments, one civil complaint, two alarm complaint, two destruction of property complaints, one check law violation, three suspicious situation complaints, two traffic citations, one misdemeanor citation, seven traffic warnings, and 13 unclassified complaints.

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by Jan Farley

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Wed. Jan. 30 - Breaded Fish/Ham Steak; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m. RSVP Card Ladies and Crafts, both at 1 p.m.; Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thu. Jan. 31 - New England Boiled Dinner/Oven Pork; BP's and Blood Sugars taken from 11 a.m. to noon; Bible Study at 11 a.m.; Adult Ed. class at 1 p.m.; Uno-Attack game at 5:30.

Fri. Feb. 1 - Kielbasa & Kraut/No dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

Sun. Feb. 3 - Sunday Brunch with waffles featured along with eggs, sausage and fruit bar with dessert -

all for senior prices and juniors are invited also, of course.

Mon. Feb. 4 - Fish Fillets/Roast Pork; Stag Cards and Bridge Club at 12 noon, and 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

Tue. Feb. 5 - Stuffed Turkey/Oven Chicken; TEFAP Food (3 months) distributed at the Eagles from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m. and Cards at 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Feb. 6 - Chicken & Biscuits/BBQ Pork; Commodities distributed at the new and permanent site - St. Mary's Back Lot from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercise and Line Dancing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12:30 p.m. RSVP Card Ladies and Crafts at 1 p.m.; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: We all have someone we need to go see or call, so get off your rusty-dusty and do it!

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 67 complaints the week of January 21-27:

Eight traffic accidents, five non-traffic accidents, one parking violation, one traffic policing, five civil matter disputes - family trouble, three suspicious situations, one natural death, 13 general non-criminal, two delinquent minors, four

assault/intimidation/stalking, two larceny;

Two stolen property, two damage to property, five liquor license inspections, two public peace/disorderly, three health and safety, one invasion of privacy/ wiretap, one conservation, one miscellaneous criminal offense, two miscellaneous arrests, two driving violations/DWLS etc.

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THE POWER SPOT

Grayling Elementary & AuSable Primary Schools News

Greetings from the Grayling Elementary School (GE) -- where "We've got the Power" and from the AuSable Primary School (AP) -- where it's "A Great Spot to Learn."

News from the AP/GE PTO: With much appreciated help and support from the community, the fall fundraiser raised \$19,473.62. With the money, the following items were purchased: digital pianos for both schools, new books for the guided reading groups, and new playground equipment (to be installed this spring). The PTO also helped pay for field trips and supplies for all classrooms.

The next PTO (Parent/Teacher Organization) meeting is February 12 at 6 p.m. All are welcome and

urged to get involved. New volunteers and fresh ideas are always needed.

AuSable Primary recently welcomed student teacher, Scott Campbell, who is assisting physical education teacher Michael Neff. Campbell was a wrestler at Olivet College for four years and said he is excited to be teaching up north. He will be here until April.

January 7-11, the Acting Up Theatre Company worked with the fourth grade classes, performing scenes focused on Economics. An unusual theme, but the students used complex economics terminology such as "scarcity" and "opportunity cost," explaining concepts through the magic of theatre. The students

accomplished a lot in just one week. In March, Acting Up will work with the third grade classes on a play based on Core Democratic Values.

January 16-17, the second grade performed "Red, White and Blue Jeans," aptly attired in blue jeans and red or white shirts. The last song, "You're a Grand Old Flag," conveyed extra patriotic expression.

January 22, the AuSable Primary hosted a Math/Family Game Night with lots of prizes and January 30, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Family Reading Night was scheduled.

January 25, report cards were sent home from Grayling Elementary.

The week of January 28, fourth and fifth grade students began taking the annual state assessment test -

MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program). Fourth graders are scheduled to be tested on reading and math, and for fifth graders -- science, social studies and writing.

This is the season for cold, cold, cold! Please send boots, hats, mittens/gloves and snow pants with your children to school. Teachers use recess time for planning and your child needs this free time for running and playing outside. Please label your child's belongings.

Finally, please keep sending in "Box Tops for Education" and Campbell's Soup labels; and keep swiping your K-Mart, Glen's and Gordon's cards whenever you shop. Every little bit helps.

P.I.T. STOP

Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by the Grayling Middle School Parent Improvement Team

The Second Annual Parent's Activity Night was held at GMS last week. There was a great turnout of parents, who attended the special seminars on art, drugs, computers and sports. The money raised will go towards the Spring Funfest that will be held May 10 at Hanson Hills.

MEAP Testing starts this week at GMS. Please make sure your child eats a good breakfast and gets plenty of sleep. Your child's efforts could earn them \$500 towards post secondary education when they

graduate from high school, if they pass all the MEAP tests.

It is a Grayling Middle School Physical Education policy that if a student athlete chooses not to participate in gym class, he/she may not participate in any meet, game, tournament, etc. that same day/night. This consequence will only be enforced if the student has not been excused by a parent/guardian (written or phone contact). All coaches have been informed of this policy and have agreed to comply.

Eighth graders will be having a Perk Trip, Thursday, January 31, at Hanson Hills. Perk trips are for all

children that are getting all their homework done, have not been in trouble in school and have not missed a lot of school.

February 9, ACT Testing will begin at the Grayling Middle School. If your child is signed up to take this test, make sure they arrive at the middle school early, have had a good breakfast and bring pencils. This is a long morning for these kids, so please make sure that they are prepared.

Report Cards were mailed last week. If you did not receive one for your child please contact the middle school.

Phoenix Program: The kids will begin their introduction into the study of the human life cycle with birth and growth. They will be taking a field trip on February 5, to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City relating to this program.

Funfest will be on Friday, May 10, at Hanson Hills. The parents group will need volunteers and donations to make this event even better than it was last year. Please contact Shirley Curriston at 348-1348 if you are able to donate anything.

The next P.I.T. Meeting will be February 14 at the Middle School at 8:30 a.m.

MERCY BIRTHS

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OBITUARIES

Paul E. Rolfe

Dec. 26, 1928 - Jan. 23, 2002

Paul Edward Rolfe, age 73, of Clio, formerly of Grayling and Flint, died Wednesday, January 23 at Genesys Hospice Care Center after a courageous battle with cancer. At his request, cremation and a private family memorial service has taken place with inurnment at Sunset Hills Cemetery.

Paul was born December 26, 1928 in Flint, the son of the late George and Florence (Gunn) Rolfe. A 1947 graduate of Central High School, he was employed at Buick Motor Division as a journeyman tinsmith and later as a supervisor retiring in 1976. He was a member of UAW Local 599. Paul relocated to Grayling and enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, canning and baking.

Mr. Rolfe was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother Gladys Rolfe, Aunt and Uncle Alma and Percy Rolfe, sister Dorothy Butler and grandson Gary D. Bouchard.

He is survived by five daughters; Angela Rolfe of Cape Coral, Florida, Lesa Hammer of Clio, Frances (Rick) Whitman of Prescott, Laura Perry of Cape Coral, Florida, Joyce (Robert) Miller of Clio; 17 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; sister Ruth (William) Rutter of Grayling; devoted nephews Bill Rutter Jr. and Ron Rutter, both of Grayling.

Memorial contributions in Mr. Rolfe's name may be made to Saints Charles and Helena Catholic Church, Building Fund, 230 E. Vienna Road, Clio, MI 48420 or

Genesys Hospice Care Center, 7280 S. State Street, Davison, MI 48423. Arrangements by Whipple-O'Guinn Family Funeral Homes, Clio Chapel, Clio.

Frances H. Edwards

Sep. 17, 1915 - Jan. 25, 2002

Frances H. Edwards, 86 of East Jordan, formerly of Grayling, died Friday, January 25 at Boulder Park Terrace in Charlevoix.

Mrs. Edwards was born on September 17, 1915 in East Jordan, the daughter of Peter and Frances (Lenosky) Zoulek. She graduated from East Jordan High School in 1934. On December 30, 1936 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in East Jordan, she married Harold S. Edwards.

She had lived on her family farm in Wilson Township for 65 years.

She was a devoted Catholic and member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was also a member of the St. Anne's Altar Society and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #7580 in East Jordan. Frances had worked at Gulf & Western, now known as Dura Automotive, in East Jordan. She retired on April 28, 1978.

Mrs. Edwards enjoyed her family, many friends and neighbors, her home, her garden and her pet dog "Lucky." She also enjoyed attending the Zoulek family reunions held every two years in East Jordan, Wisconsin and Iowa. All of her family enjoyed listening to her wonderful and entertaining stories of the past. She was known to many as "Aunt Frances."

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harold, in 1958, one son, Thomas Edwards, who died September 28, 1961; five brothers, George, Bill, Fred, Lawrence and Don Zoulek and one sister Dorothy Zoulek Schmitt.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews; great nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, January 29 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan. Interment will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Arrangements by Penzien Funeral Homes, East Jordan.

Harry N. Durfee

January 21, 2002

Harry Neil Durfee, 78 of Roscommon, died Monday, January 21. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 26.

Arrangements by Walsh Funeral Home, Roscommon.

Card of Thanks

I wish to express my thanks for the care given by Doctor Schultz and LaGutta and staff at Mercy Hospital for Baby Javon Kucharek and mother Mandi. Also for eight short days later for the expressions of sympathy and prayers from my church family at Michelson Church. Thanks for neighbors and friends, for phone calls and food. The Eastern Star for kindnesses and luncheon. Words cannot express my gratitude.

Madeline Kucharek

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Friday, February 1st

EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN GAYLORD

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Indoor Sidewalk Sales Shop Gaylord area businesses for the coolest deals around!
1:00 p.m. Snowshoe Walk FREE with Winterfest 2002 pin. Enjoy the beauty and splendor of the north along the cross country ski trails in Aspen Park. Call 989-732-4000 for more information.

4:45 p.m. Titanic Swim Meet Free with Winterfest 2002 pin. Intermediate and Middle School teachers are challenged by the Gaylord Gators to test their skills at the Otsego County Sportsplex.

5:00 p.m. Wertz Warrior Snofest 2002 Free with Winterfest 2002 pin. The Wertz Warriors parade into town at 4:30 p.m., completing their journey at the Gaylord Inn with a snowmobile auction, vendor displays, and a silent auction. \$5.00 per person, under 12 \$3.00. Spaghetti dinner.

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AREA WIDE

February 1 - 3, 2002. Adult Ice Fishing Contest \$5.00 entry fee - Cost includes a Winterfest 2002 pin! Be a lucky winner by pulling in the longest Perch, Walleye, Muskie or Pike. Entrants 18 and older can register 1/16 - 2/1, 2002 at Don's Sport & Marine, or the Alphon Shop.

Saturday, February 2nd

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT THE SPORTSPLEX

10:00 a.m. 4TH ANNUAL "ICEBERG CHALLENGE" \$50 per team entry fee includes Winterfest 2002 pin (one player must be female). Teams compete in three events: Broomball, Volleyball and Smoosh Races. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m. To pre-register, call 989-732-6333.

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Kids Games FREE of charge. The kids will have a blast competing for prizes. All contests take place on South Court Street.

2:30 p.m. Skating Exhibition Adults \$3.00, Students \$1.00 with Winterfest 2002 pin, 12 and under/free. See precision team skating, individuals, pairs and many other surprises.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Winterfest Swim FREE with Winterfest 2002 pin. Warm up with a dip in the pool at the Sportsplex and enjoy the waterslide!

EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN GAYLORD

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ice Carving Competition Courthouse lawn. Chefs from the American Culinary Association of Northern Michigan create works of art out of blocks of ice.

11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Indoor Sidewalk Sales Shop Gaylord area businesses for the coolest deals around!
Noon - 2:00 p.m. 8th Annual Chili Cookoff \$1.00 per spoon! Courthouse Lawn. Sample a wide variety of culinary wizardry. Taste as many as you can! Chili ready for judges at noon.

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12:30 p.m. 6th Annual Cool-Card Euchre Tourney \$5.00 entry fee. The action takes place at the Eagles Hall on South Wisconsin Avenue in Gaylord. Sign-in begins at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (989) 732-2921.

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AREA WIDE

9:00 a.m. Youth Fishing Derby at Otsego Lake State Park The bait's provided so lets dunk those poles! FREE lunch and games following at the Northland Sportsmen's Club, sponsors of the event.

11:00 a.m. Cross Country Ski Tour at Otsego Lake FREE with Winterfest 2002 pin. Take the Snow Bus to the River Cabin then enjoy a guided tour, a fire and refreshments. Call (989) 732-5181 for info.

1:00 p.m. 5K Run/Walk \$15.00 entry fee with Winterfest 2002 pin. T-shirts will be given to all participants. Medals awarded. measured course. For more information, call Otsego County Parks and Recreation at (989) 732-6521.

1:00 p.m. X-Country Ski Tour in Pigeon River Forest \$5.00 entry fee with Winterfest 2002 pin! A rustic wilderness six-mile cross country skiing experience in the Pigeon River State Forest for intermediate to advanced skiers. Snack provided. For more information, call (989) 732-4000

Sunday, February 3rd

EVENTS TAKING PLACE AREA WIDE

10:00 A.M. Crunch and Munch Snowmobile Safari \$25 donation to Michigan Special Olympics with Winterfest 2002 pin. Hear the snow "crunching" under your sled as you head to your next "munching" spot! A 100 mile snowmobile safari featuring four pit stops with appetizers! Snowmobilers meet at Mama Leone's on Old 27 South at 10:00 a.m. sharp for a tour of Gaylord's majestic trails.

10:30 a.m. Special Olympics Ski-a-Thon Otsego Club. Help us raise funds for this worthy cause. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Call (989) 732-5181 for information or racing or sponsorship. THANKS!

11:00 a.m. 9th Annual Outdoor Coed Softball Tourney Entry Fee: Call (989) 732-6333 for details. Tournament play is at the Fireside Inn on Old 27 South. Pre-register by January 23, 2002. For more information, call (989) 732-4000.

3:00 p.m. Adult Ice Fishing Contest Awards Prizes awarded for the "Best of the Fest" at Don's Sport and Marine on Old 27 South across from Otsego Lake.

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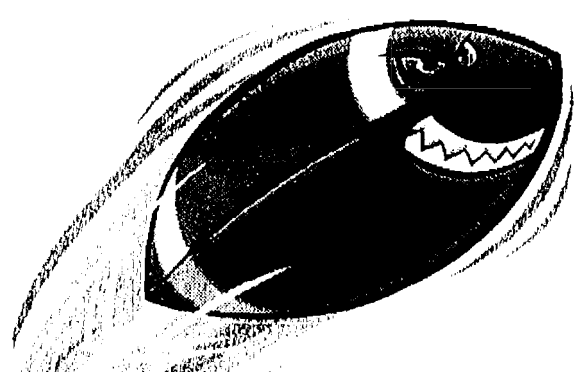
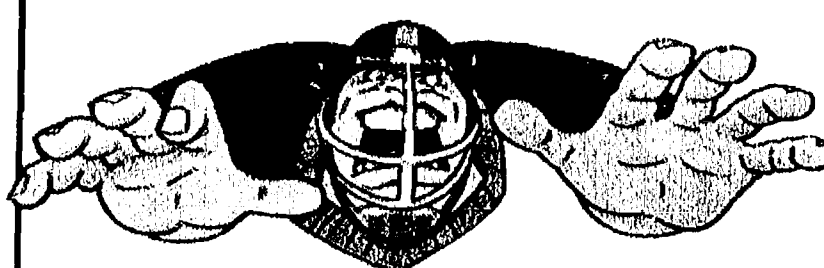
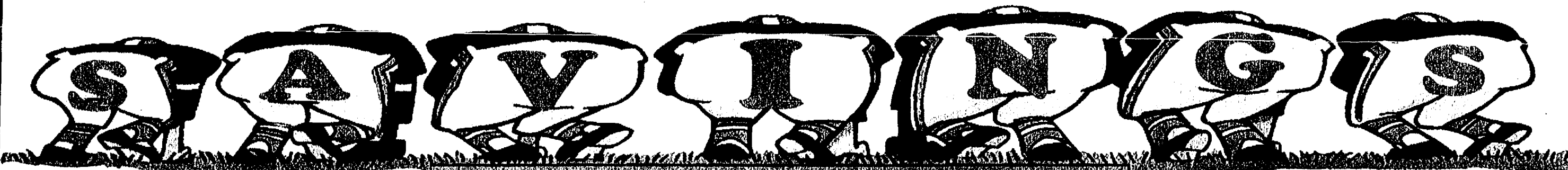
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Wrestling team wins vs. Tawas, Hale

► Vikings defeat Braves 48-33, Eagles fall to Grayling 78-6 in dual meet

The Vikings of Grayling High School defeated both Tawas and Hale in a dual varsity wrestling meet in Grayling last Thursday.

The Braves of Tawas outscored the Hale Eagles 57-3 with nine pins and one victory by decision in the first competition of the evening.

Grayling then faced off against Tawas, starting with the 171-pound division.

Brandon Pratt (171) posted a first round pin to put the Vikings up 6-0. Greg Warren pinned his opponent in the 189-pound division to give GHHS a 12-0 advantage. Aaron Rosecrans, 215, kept the momentum going in Grayling's favor with a victory by pin in the first round.

The Vikings led 18-0.

Grayling had to forfeit the heavy-weight division, giving Tawas six points. Brady Ward (103) won by forfeit for Grayling to put the Vikings back up by 18, 24-6.

Tawas won 112 and 119 by pin to pull within six, 24-18.

Adam Malone (125) and Andy Palmer (130) pinned their Tawas counterparts in the first round to extend Grayling's lead back to 18, 36-18. Tawas won 135 and 140 by pin to pull back within six, 36-30, with three weight classes to go.

The 145-pound match featured a wild ending. Dusty Partello led 5-4 late in the third (final) round. Partello grabbed hold of one of his opponent's legs, and the Tawas

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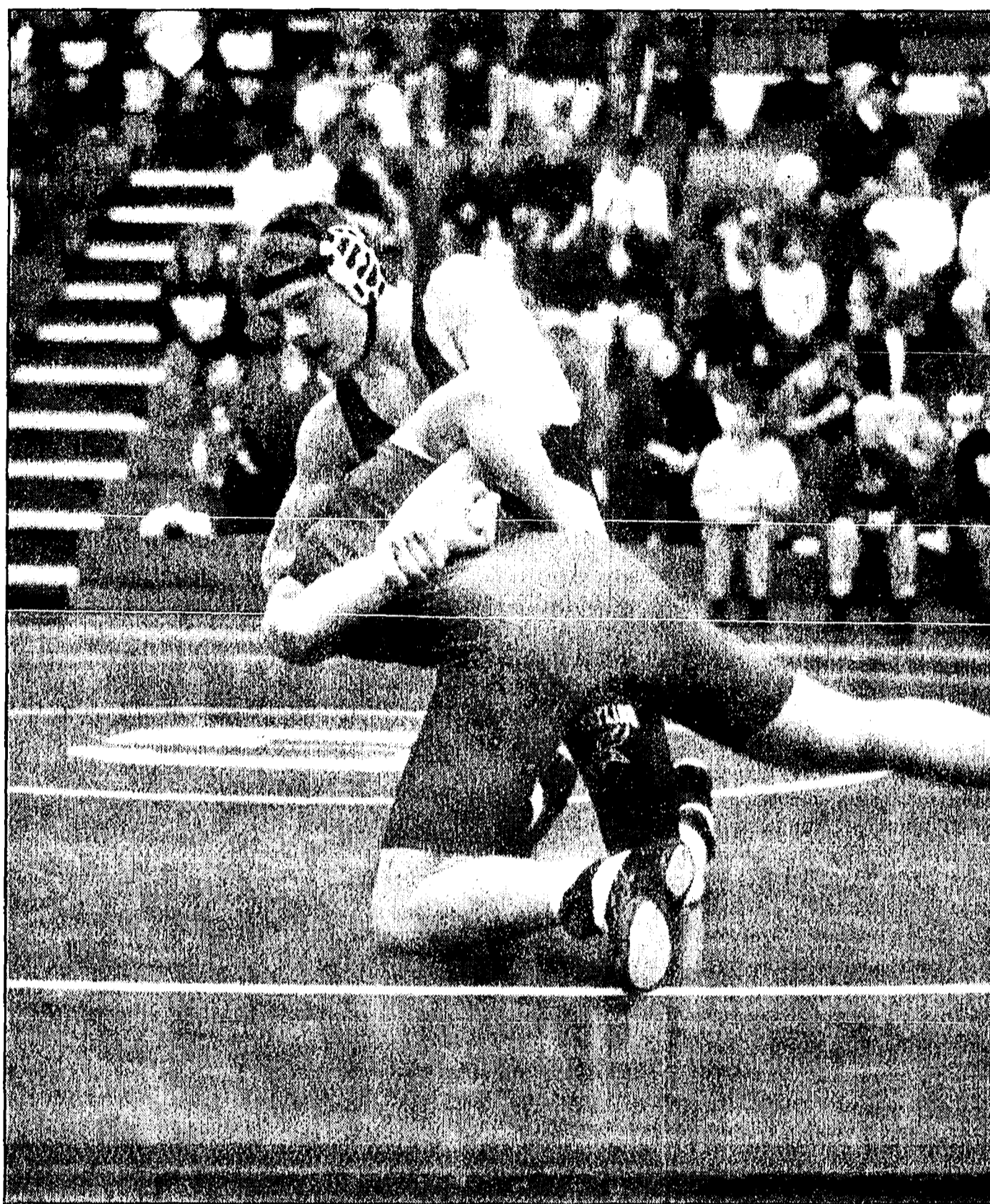


Photo by Caleb Casey

Brandon Pratt (171) controls the head and arm of his Tawas opponent last week in Grayling. Pratt won the match by pin in the first round. He also won his match vs. the Hale Eagles by pin.

Vikings knock off Owls in overtime

► Varsity team knocks Oscoda out of first in NEMC with 84-74 OT win

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team defeated the league's top team - the Oscoda Owls - in overtime last Tuesday in Grayling and lost a heartbreaker to Standish Sterling Central 46-45 on the road on Friday.

Oscoda went into Tuesday night's

game tied for first place (with Standish) in the North East Michigan Conference (NEMC) with a 5-1 league record. Grayling was tied for second place in the conference with three other teams at 3-3 in league match-ups.

The Vikings came up with several big plays against the Owls, including a three-point shot by freshman Gib Tobin at the fourth quarter buzzer to force overtime.

The teams set the pace for a tough back-and-forth battle early with a 16-15 first quarter.

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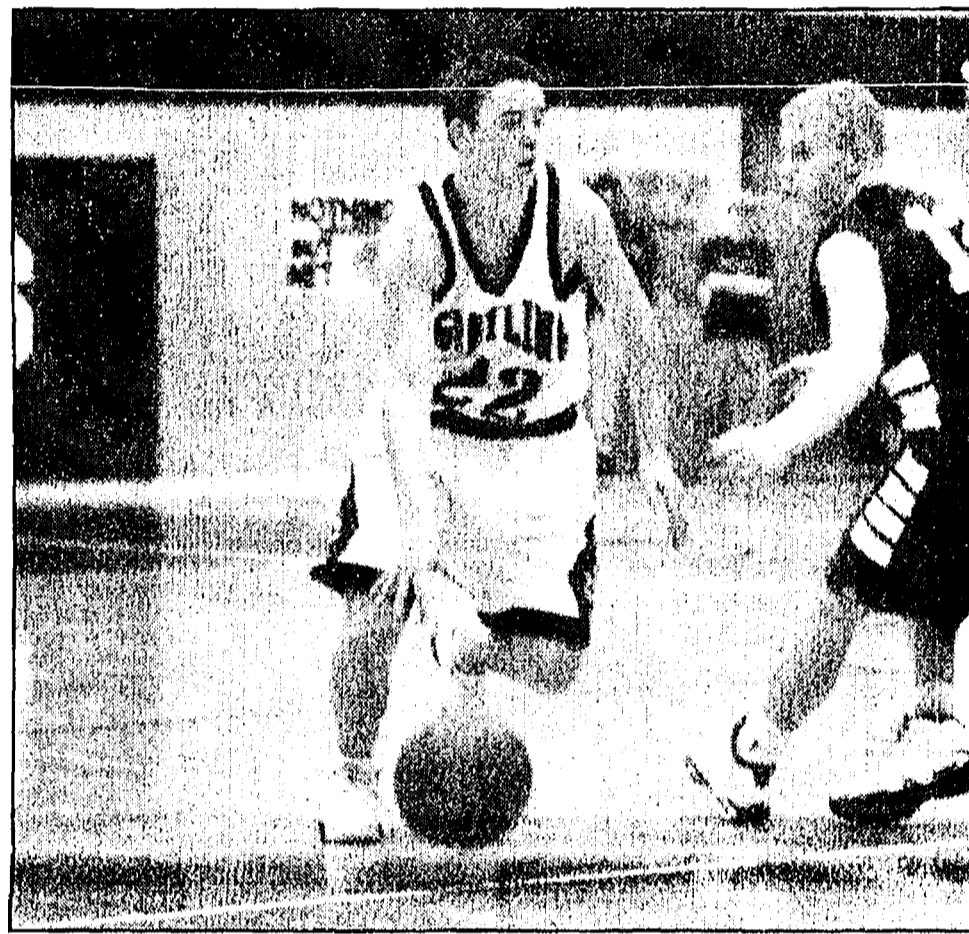


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Chet Wheeler brings the ball up for Grayling in last Tuesday's game against Oscoda. Wheeler had 13 points for the Vikings in the overtime win.

JV girls play 'strong' in first tournament

► Vikings post a record of 4-2 in junior varsity meet at Kalkaska

Grayling posted a solid 4-2 record in a recent junior varsity volleyball tournament in Kalkaska against teams from Petoskey, Traverse City St. Francis, and Kalkaska.

The Vikings chalked up wins by scores of 15-8, 15-13, 15-5, and 15-10 at Kalkaska on January 19.

"The girls had a great day," said Coach Jenny Swander. "Serving was good. They came out of pool play in second place. This put them against 1st from the opposite pool in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they lost this game (to Traverse City St. Francis) and ended 4th for the day."

"The girls played strong most of

the day," Coach Swander said. "They hit well when they had the opportunity and finished the day strong. This being their first tournament, the girls did a great job."

On Monday, February 4, the Vikings will play at Standish Sterling Central. On Wednesday, February 6, Grayling's JV, varsity, and freshman volleyball teams will host West Branch Ogemaw Heights at 6:15 p.m.



The 2001-02 GHS junior varsity girls volleyball team: (front row left to right) Ashley Rousseau, Lacey Smith; (middle row, left to right) Heather Metzger, Coach Jenny Swander, Casey Mahaffy; (back row, left to right) Hannah Hall, Jaimi Drudge, Samantha Collin, Jessica Stewart, Heather Stamper.

GHS skiers post victories vs. Harrison

► Boys and girls ski teams defeat Harrison, fall to Mt. Pleasant at Clare

Grayling High School's girls and boys ski teams were both victorious over Harrison at Snowsnake in Clare last Thursday, but both Grayling squads lost to Mt. Pleasant.

The GHS girls won 30-41 and the boys won 29-45 against the Hornets of Harrison.

Against Mt. Pleasant, the boys team started the meet with a 17-19

win in the slalom event, but the Vikings lost the giant slalom (GS) competition 24-13, resulting in a 41-32 loss overall. Grayling's girls team lost to Mt. Pleasant 40-33.

"The first meetings (this season) were also won by Mt. Pleasant by scores of 10 points over the girls and 28 points over the boys," said Coach Mike Wieland. "The seven-point and nine-point losses showed just how much the teams have improved since our first meeting."

Grayling's girls were led by Kelly Jansen, who finished with two 1st place finishes vs. Harrison

and a 3rd and 2nd vs. Mt. Pleasant. Andria Alvarez placed 5th and 7th in slalom and 2nd and 3rd in GS. Mallory Olson placed 2nd and 4th in slalom with a 4th and 7th in GS. Heather Vandecar finished 4th and 5th vs. Harrison and 5th and 9th vs. Mt. Pleasant. Kassie McClain placed 8th in slalom vs. Harrison and 11th vs. Mt. Pleasant. Lesley Gilbert disqualified in slalom and placed 7th and 10th in GS. Shalee Cox finished with a 10th in GS against Harrison and 11th vs. Mt. Pleasant.

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Mallory Olson races for Grayling at Snowsnake in Clare last Thursday. Olson placed 2nd and 4th in slalom and 4th and 7th in giant slalom against Harrison and Mt. Pleasant.

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JV Vikings defeat Owls, Panthers

► Strong starts, balanced attack help lead Vikings to two more victories

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team improved its season record to 9-2 with wins over Oscoda and Standish Sterling Central last week.

Against the Owls of Oscoda on Tuesday in Grayling, the Vikings jumped out to a big lead early and maintained a solid advantage throughout the contest.

Grayling opened with a quick strike on the opening tip-off play. Travis Gildner tipped the ball to Andy Strohpaal on the play, Strohpaal drove in for a lay-up, and was fouled. He hit the resulting free throw for a three-point play.

Two free throws by Joe Zelek and a fast break lay-up by Strohpaal on a pass from Roy Czapiek put the Vikings up 7-0. A drive by Czapiek and a jump shot by Zelek gave GHS an 11-0 advantage.

Oscoda scored its first basket of the game, its only points of the first quarter, at the 3:24 mark.

Grayling added a lay-up by Chad Helsel, free throws by Ryan Davis and Strohpaal, and another fast break lay-up by Strohpaal on a pass from Czapiek to take an 18-2 lead into the second quarter.

Oscoda edged Grayling 11-9 in the second quarter. The Vikings scored second period points on a lay-up by Strohpaal following a steal, a jumper by Gildner, a bucket by Zelek, and a triple by Phil Armstrong just prior to the halftime buzzer.

Missed opportunities at the free throw line hurt both teams in the quarter.

The Vikings missed the first shot on three separate one and one chances for a total of 0 for 3 at the line in the period. Oscoda hit only 2

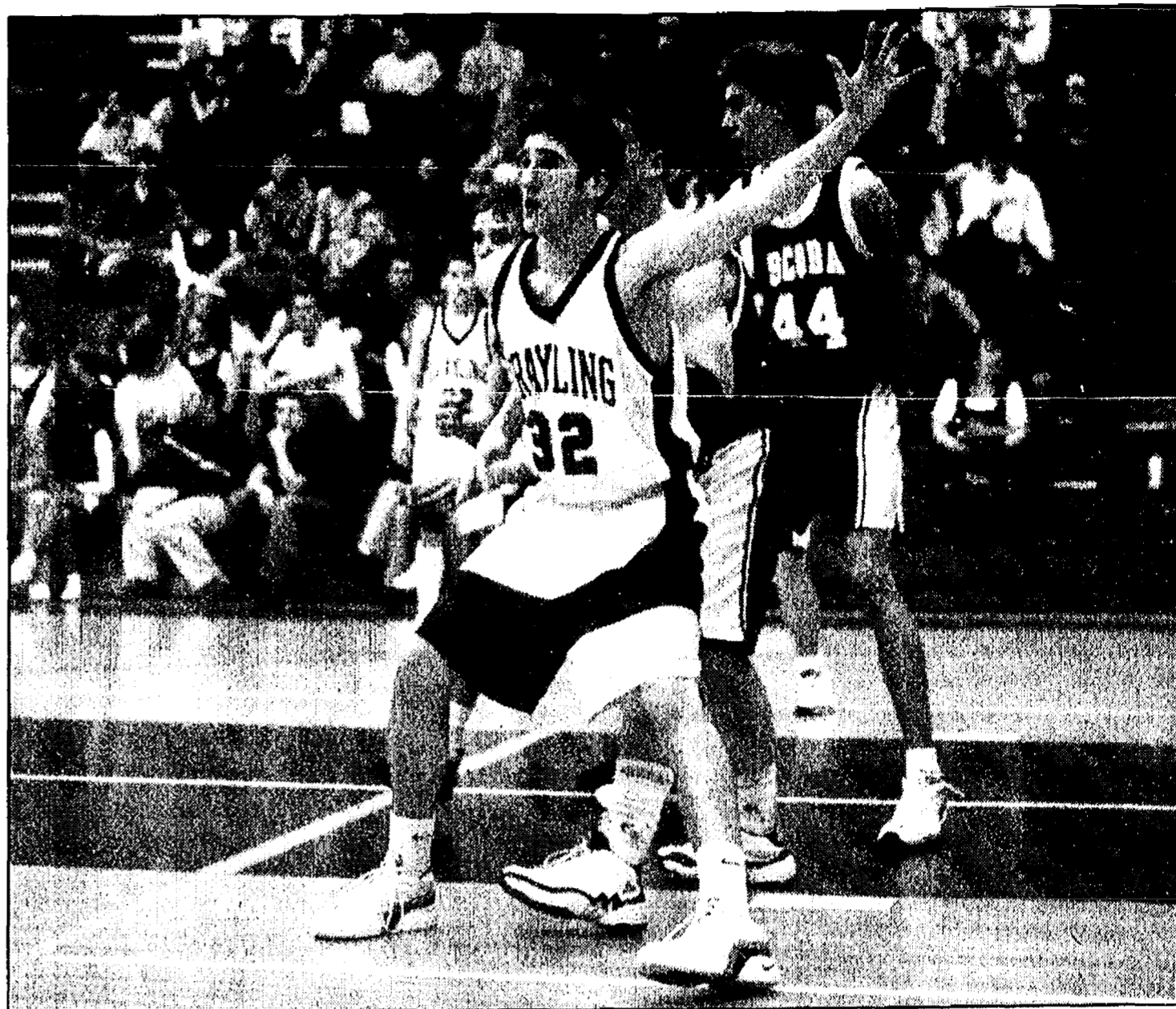


Photo by Caleb Casey

Joe Zelek posts up against Oscoda in last week's junior varsity game in Grayling.

of 7 free throws in the quarter.

Grayling led 27-13 at halftime.

Grayling struck first in the second half with a triple and a jumper by Zelek. Oscoda scored the next six points to pull within 13, 32-19.

The Vikings responded with an 11-0 run to finish the third quarter. The run included a lay-up by Strohpaal on a pass from Helsel, a put-back by Czapiek, a triple by Helsel, a jump shot by Gildner, and a drive by Armstrong.

GHS took a 43-19 lead into the fourth period.

Both teams scored 11 points in the final period to leave Grayling's lead at 24.

The Vikings scored their 11 fourth quarter points on shots inside by Davis and Gildner, a put-back by Czapiek, and free throws by Zelek

and Davis. Grayling won 54-30.

The final free throw statistics were: Grayling, 9 of 17 (53%), Oscoda, 6 of 18 (33%).

Grayling's overall scoring was well-balanced in the match. Seven Vikings scored in the game, and each scorer had at least five points. Strohpaal and Zelek were the leaders with 13 and 12 points, respectively.

The win over Oscoda elevated Grayling's home record to 5-0, 8-2 overall.

On Friday, the Vikings won a road match at Standish Sterling Central 61-37. Grayling again had balanced scoring and a strong start.

The Vikings outscored the Panthers of SSC 19-7 in the first period and maintained a steady lead from there.

"We played pretty well defensively," said Coach Butch Hayes. "We created a lot of turnovers and turned them into points. We had balanced scoring."

Strohpaal and Czapiek were the scoring leaders for Grayling with 18 and 16 points, respectively. Zelek finished with 10, and Gildner had eight. Helsel, Armstrong, and Davis also had points for GHS in the contest.

On Friday, February 1, the Vikings will play game two of a tripleheader at Grayling Middle School. Grayling's freshman squad will play first at 4:30 p.m. and the JV contest will follow (between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., approximately). The varsity game will start between 8 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., approximately.

8th grade team beats Gaylord 44-19

► Middle schoolers outscore Blue Devils by large margin, fall to Kalkaska 18-17

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (green) team defeated Gaylord 44-19 in Grayling last Wednesday and lost a close match with a strong Kalkaska squad 18-17 on Monday.

"We played outstanding defense to hold a very good team to 18

points. Kalkaska is undefeated and scored 75 points against Roscommon one week ago, making this game one of our season highlights despite the loss," said Coach Gary Summers.

"The job the kids did with this team was a victory for all of us. We know we're better than our 2-6 record indicates, and we will take some momentum into the last part of our season."

Zach Baker had eight points for the Vikings against Kalkaska. Bob

Starks added 5, and A.J. Powers finished with 4 points.

On Wednesday, the Vikings defeated the Blue Devils of Gaylord 44-19 in Grayling.

"Feeding from Monday's game at Kalkaska, I believe these kids turned a big corner, playing with confidence at both ends of the floor. Bobby Starks stepped up his scoring and caused problems on defense for Gaylord. Bobby is so strong and quick he can overpower most guys. Zeke Hayes also played outstanding defense. He's not very tall but he hangs in with the big guys. Powers, Schmidt, Baker, and Wojowski all played exceptional. I'm very pleased for them," Coach Summers said.

Starks had 18 points for Grayling against Gaylord. Reagan Schmidt and Powers each added 8, and Baker finished with 6 points.

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McLean's: Krey, 23; Doremire, 17; Pummel, 14; Potter, 10; Kolka, 8; Burrell, 7; Trudegon, 3.		
Diaper Dandy's: Dandy, 11; Trenary, 11; Ruddy, 11; Juntilla, 9; Davis, 8; Perry, 3; West, 3; McMan, 2.		

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9th grade Vikings win 52-44 vs. Owls

► GHS hangs on for an eight-point victory against Oscoda in Grayling

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

A strong first period followed by three steady quarters of play led Grayling High School's freshman boys basketball team to a 52-44 win over the Oscoda Owls in Grayling last Monday.

The Vikings got off to a good start in the game on both ends of the court. Josh Hinkle had the hot hand for Grayling on the offensive end, scoring 12 of Grayling's 16 first quarter points. James Haven and D.J. Metzger scored shots inside in the period to help Grayling's offensive effort.

The Vikings held Oscoda scoreless for the first 6:48 of the first quarter, and allowed the visiting team just five points overall in the first eight minutes of play.

The Vikings led 16-5 heading into the second period.

Oscoda started to warm up on offense, and with help from several Grayling turnovers, outscored GHS 16-13 in the second quarter. Grayling scored its 13 points on a shot inside by Tyler Cragg, a lay-up by Ryan Schmidt, a shot inside and a put-back by Josh Millikin, a shot inside by Hinkle, and free throws by Millikin and Adam Gilbert.

Grayling led 29-21 at halftime.

The Vikings opened the second half with a put-back by Millikin. A free throw by Hinkle put Grayling up by 11. Oscoda answered with a shot inside. A jump shot by Tim Umilor at the 4:11 mark put Grayling back up by 11.

Oscoda scored two three-point buckets and a two-point shot to pull within three, 34-31.

A triple by Metzger with 2:31 left in the third quarter gave Grayling a six-point edge, 37-31. Two free throws by Oscoda pulled the Owls to within four. A free throw by

Russell Peters put Grayling up by seven.

Oscoda scored a shot inside, and Grayling responded with a lay-up by Hinkle on an assist from Metzger. A free throw by Metzger in the last 30 seconds of the quarter was the last point to be scored in the third period.

Grayling took a 41-35 advantage into the fourth quarter.

Oscoda scored the first basket of the fourth period. A jump shot by Schmidt and a shot inside by Peters gave Grayling a 45-37 lead with 5:23 left to play.

A jumper by Peters with 4:45 remaining put the Vikings up by nine, 47-38.

Oscoda scored a jumper and two free throws to cut Grayling's lead down to five, 47-42, with 2:51 left in regulation.

A free throw by Cragg put the Vikings up by six. Oscoda drove to the basket for two, pulling the Owls within four, 48-44, with 1:26 left to play.

Grayling took some time off the clock, then scored a bucket inside on a pass inside to Millikin. Oscoda tried for three at the other end and missed. Hinkle blocked a shot on the Oscoda put-back try. Oscoda got the in-bounds pass in play, missed the two-point try, and Hinkle rebounded.

Oscoda put GHS at the line for a one and one free throw chance. Grayling missed the first shot and Oscoda got the ball. Oscoda missed at the other end, Cragg grabbed the rebound and dished off to Hinkle. Oscoda fouled to stop the clock.

Hinkle went to the line with 12 seconds left in the game and hit both free throws, giving the Vikings a 52-44 edge. Oscoda missed a shot attempt and Millikin rebounded to end the game.

Grayling held on for an eight-point win, 52-44.

Hinkle was the scoring leader for Grayling with 19 points. Millikin finished with 10. In all, nine Vikings scored points in the match.

On Friday, February 1, the fresh-

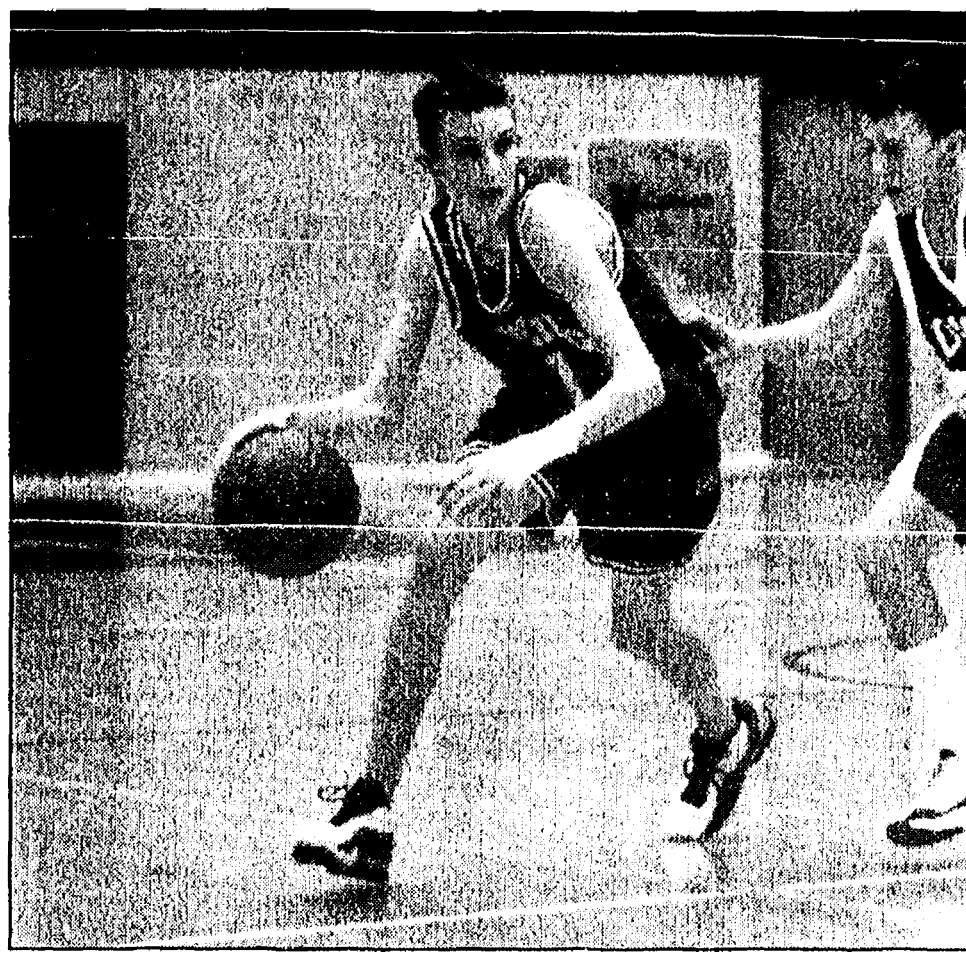


Photo by Caleb Casey

Josh Hinkle handles the ball for Grayling in last Monday's 52-44 win over the Oscoda Owls in Grayling.

man team will play the first game of a basketball tripleheader at Grayling Middle School. The freshmen will play at 4:30 p.m., followed by the JV and varsity games.

Between the junior varsity and varsity matches, a ceremony will be

held honoring the 1957 Grayling High School boys basketball team and cheerleading team. The '57 squad advanced to the state quarter finals, the farthest a Grayling basketball team has gone into the playoffs.

8th grade squad wins 8th, 9th game

► GMS 'white' team improves its season record to 9-0 with 2 more wins

The GMS 8th grade boys basketball (white) team is one win away from a 10-0 regular season.

The Vikings won their 8th and 9th consecutive games last week, defeating the Kalkaska Blazers on the road on Monday and winning against Gaylord in Grayling on Wednesday.

On Monday, Grayling won at Kalkaska 33-20. Joel Wilson scored 19 points for Grayling in the 13-point victory. Ryan Feldhauser, Matt Larson, Zack Dean, and Neil Cook also had points for GMS in the contest.

"The team is improving each week," said Coach Jim Burch. "We still need to work on our defense and offense and get everyone involved in the offense. We need more balanced scoring and better free throw shooting."

"We are now down to seven play-

ers," Burch added.

The Vikings defeated Gaylord in Grayling on Wednesday in a lopsided match, 49-11.

"Our defense created turnovers, which were converted into easy baskets," Coach Burch said. "We opened a large lead, outscoring them 19-2 in the first quarter and I was able to substitute freely. The team passed the ball well and were able to find the open man for easy shots. Cook, Feldhauser, and Wilson played good defense, while Zack Dean was tough on the boards. More players were involved in the offense. Again, we only dressed seven players."

Wilson and Dean were the scoring leaders for Grayling in the Gaylord game with 14 and 12 points, respectively. Cook and Mitchell Salyers each finished with six points. Feldhauser, Larson, and Lucas Hurd also scored points for the Vikings.

The two wins last week improved Grayling's season record to 9-0. The Vikings finish their regular season this week with a home game against the Bucks of Roscommon.

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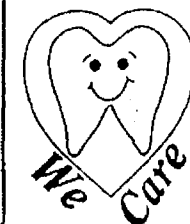
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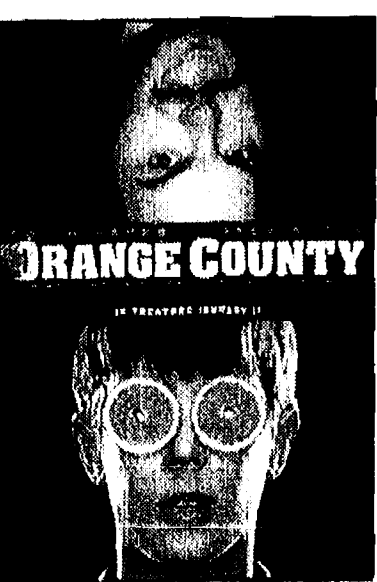
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Wrestling team wins vs. Tawas, Hale

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wrestler brought his other leg up over the top trying to escape, and in doing so, caught Partello across the face with his foot. After a stop in the action, the match resumed with about 10 seconds remaining in the contest. The Tawas wrestler scored a takedown for two points to take a one-point lead and won the match by decision, 6-5, to pick up three team points.

Grayling won the last two divisions, 152 and 160, by forfeit to win the meet 48-33.

The Vikings then defeated Hale by a large margin. All of Grayling's wrestlers posted victories by either pin or forfeit.

Pratt (171), Warren (189), and Rosecrans (215) again set the pace for Grayling with a strong start, each posting a pin against their Hale counterparts. Hale won the heavy-weight division by forfeit.

Ward (103) won his match by pin in the second round. Emily Harvey (112) won by forfeit.

Brian Borchers (119) defeated his opponent by pin in the second round. Malone (125) pinned his opponent in the first round.

Palmer (130) scored a quick pin in the first round to win his match. Palmer now has 91 pins in his high school career, just 10 shy of breaking Brian Kernstock's school record of 100 career pins.

Mike Gassman (135) scored a

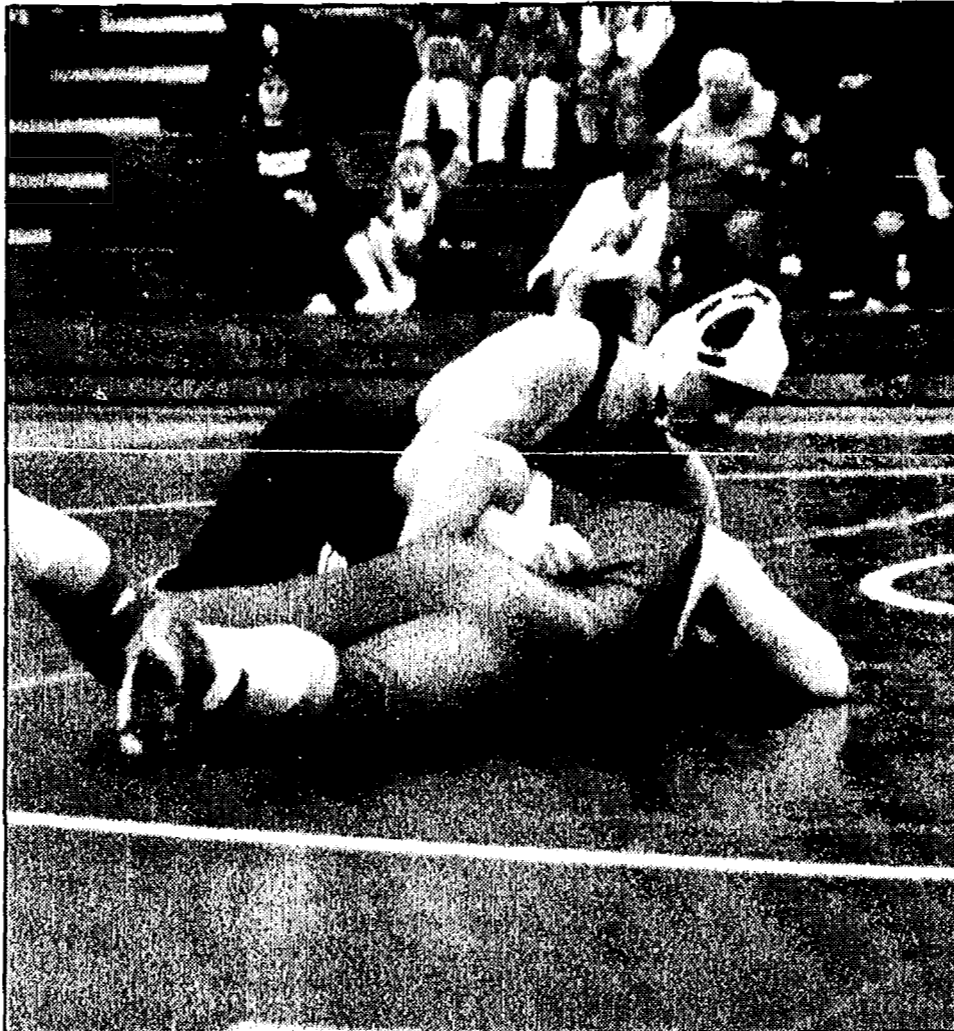


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Greg Warren (189) wrestles against Tawas on Thursday in Grayling. Warren won the match, and his bout against Hale, by pin.

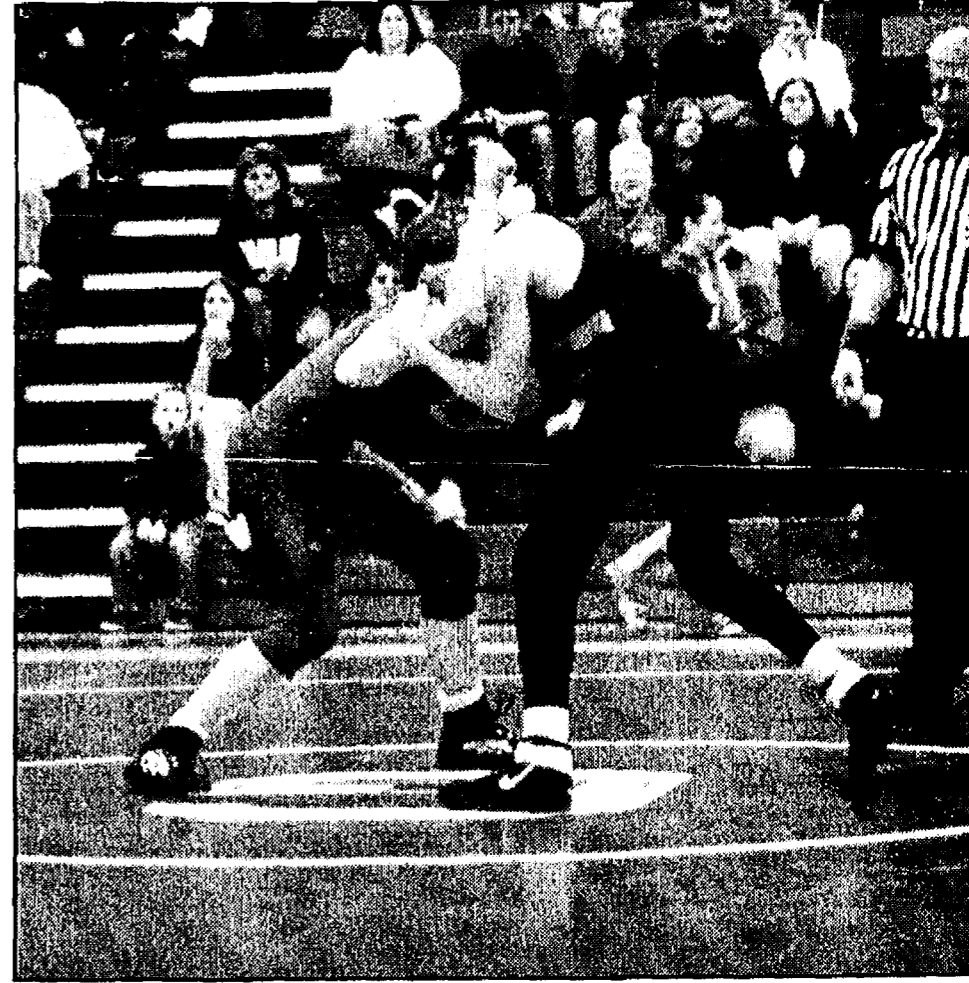
first round pin, and Tom Barnett (140) pinned his Hale counterpart in the second round.

Partello (145) rebounded from his tough match vs. Tawas with a quick first round pin against Hale.

Darryl Babbitt (152) and Zach

Wegner (160) won by forfeit to put Grayling's final team point total at 78. The Vikings won 78-6 vs. the Hale Eagles.

On Saturday, January 26, the GHS wrestling team competed in the Gaylord Invitational, a 20-team



Andy Palmer (130) grapples with a Tawas opponent in last week's meet that also included competition against the Hale Eagles. Palmer won both of his matches by pin to pull within nine of the all-time GHS career pin record of 100 set by Brian Kernstock.

meet featuring squads from as far away as Munising, Escanaba, Gladstone, and Sault Ste. Marie.

Pratt (171) and Partello (145) both posted second place finishes at the Gaylord Invitational.

Malone (125) placed 7th in his

weight class and Ward (103) finished in 8th.

The Vikings will wrestle at Clare on Thursday, January 31. On Saturday, February 2, the team is scheduled to compete in the Gladwin Invitational.



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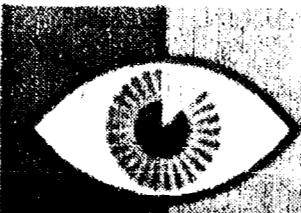
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GHS skiers post victories vs. Harrison

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The GHS boys team was led by Keil Clough, who finished 1st in GS against both opponents. He straddled a gate in slalom and finished 8th and 11th. Ben McNally was Grayling's top skier overall with 3rd place finishes in races vs. Harrison and 5th and 2nd vs. Mt. Pleasant. Eric Hart placed 4th and 5th vs. Harrison and 7th and 8th vs. Mt. Pleasant.

Pat McNally placed 7th and 9th in both slalom events and was 4th and 6th in GS. Eric Hunter lost a ski in the start of the GS race but recovered to finish 2nd and 3rd in both slalom races. Trevor Clough placed 8th and 9th in the GS races and Jim Jansen finished 10th and 12th in slalom.

The Vikings will compete in the Mt. Pleasant Invitational at Treetops on Friday, February 1. On February 2, Grayling will race in the Flushing Invitational.

The team is scheduled to ski in the Central Alpine Conference Meet at Treetops on Thursday, February 7.

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Vikings knock off Owls in overtime

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Oscoda scored first, then Grayling took a 4-2 lead with a drive by R.J. Schmidt and a jump shot by Chet Wheeler. A triple and a jumper by Oscoda gave the Owls a 7-4 lead. Baskets by Wheeler and Schmidt gave GHS a one-point lead. Two free throws and a three-point play gave OHS a 12-8 edge.

Schmidt drove in for two, and Oscoda answered with a drive. Larry Baynham scored on a move to the basket to pull GHS within two. A free throw by Tobin cut Oscoda's lead to one, and a free throw by the Owls put OHS back up by two.

A triple by Tobin in the final seconds of the quarter gave the Vikings a 16-15 edge going into the second period.

A three-point play by Oscoda gave the lead back to the Owls. A shot inside by Ryan Swope on a pass from Wheeler tied the game at 18-18.

Oscoda went up by five with a three-pointer and a put-back. A shot inside by Baynham pulled GHS within three. Two free throws by Oscoda put the Owls up by five again. Two free throws by Baynham cut Oscoda's advantage back to three. OHS connected on a three-point play at the 3:37 mark to take a 28-22 lead.

A triple by Wheeler pulled Grayling to within three. Two free throws each by Roger Alvarez and Wheeler tied the game at 29-29 with about 2:30 left in the first half. Schmidt converted an Oscoda turnover into two points with a jumper. A shot inside by Oscoda tied the game at 31-31.

The Owls were called for a foul on a loose ball, then whistled for a technical after the play.

Alvarez hit both free throw shots on the initial foul, then stayed on for the technical foul free throws and hit one of two. The three shots by Alvarez put Grayling up 36-31 with 0:44 left in the first half. Grayling scored the last point of the half on a free throw by Swope.

The Vikings led 37-31 at halftime. Oscoda edged Grayling 12-11 in a relatively low-scoring third quarter. Schmidt converted a drive, a jumper, and a three-pointer in the period. Wheeler scored a lay-up on a pass from Nick D'Amour, and Baynham hit two free throws in the quarter to account for Grayling's 11.

The Vikings took a 48-43 advantage into the fourth quarter. Two free throws by Joe Lange extended Grayling's lead to seven, 50-43. Oscoda pulled within four with a free throw and a jump shot. A jumper by Schmidt put GHS up by six.

Oscoda scored a bucket to pull

back within four. A reverse lay-up by Schmidt put the Vikings up 54-48 with 4:28 left in regulation.

The Owls scored five unanswered points on a shot inside and three free throws to cut Grayling's lead to one.

Schmidt, back in the game after going to the bench with four fouls, hit a three-pointer to slow Oscoda's momentum and put GHS back up by four. Two free throws by Oscoda pulled the Owls to within two.

A drive by Schmidt put Grayling up 59-55 with 2:40 left in the fourth quarter. A shot inside by Oscoda pulled OHS back to within two.

A free throw by Schmidt added one to Grayling's lead. Oscoda hit two free throws at the other end to pull within one. Oscoda got the ball back and scored a shot inside to take the lead for the first time since quarter two.

Down one, Grayling turned the ball over and Oscoda killed about 30 seconds. Grayling fouled to stop the clock at 0:32. Oscoda hit the second of two free throws to give OHS a 62-60 lead.

Grayling missed a shot at the other end and the ball landed out of bounds. Oscoda got the ball in and converted for two points. The Owls led 64-60.

With 10 seconds left in regulation, D'Amour was fouled on a three-point attempt. He converted all three free throws to pull Grayling within one, 64-63.

The Vikings fouled immediately on the Oscoda in-bounds play. The Owls hit both free throws to give OHS a three-point advantage with 10 seconds left in regulation.

Grayling got the ball in and Tobin, with at least two Oscoda defenders in the immediate area, shot from three-point land and scored it as time expired. The triple tied the game at 66-66 and forced a four-minute overtime period.

In overtime, it was all Grayling. The Vikings outscored Oscoda 18-8 in the four minute period.

Tobin got things started for GHS with a put-back. Schmidt then stole the ball and drove in for two. Oscoda hit a three-pointer, but Tobin answered for Grayling.

D'Amour, Wheeler, and Swope combined for nine free throws (on 10 attempts) down the stretch to help Grayling outlast the Owls 84-74.

"This was a key game for us in the NEMC," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We challenged our kids going into the game to play with confidence and regain the 'swagger' that we played with a few games ago. Our kids played with a 'never say die' attitude and we continued to work down the stretch even though things looked bleak for us at a couple

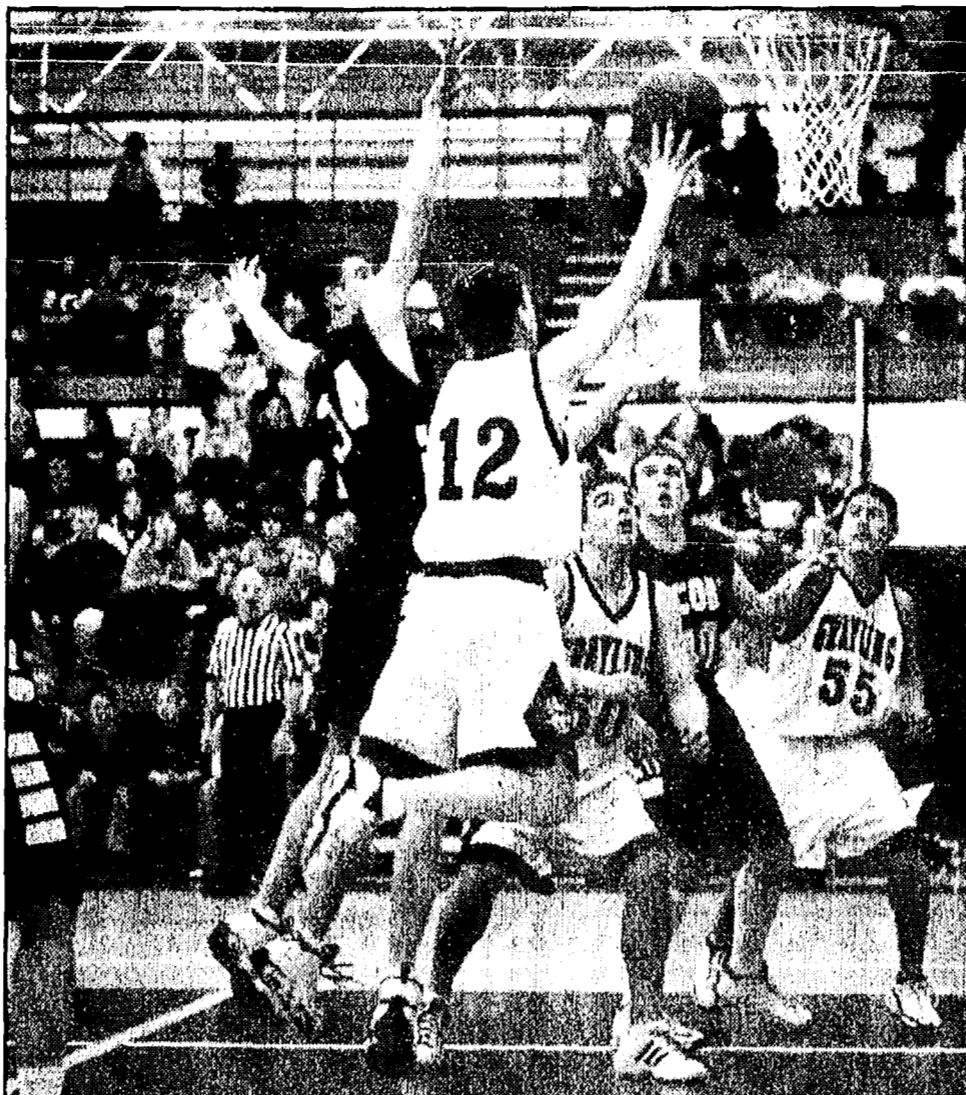


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R.J. Schmidt drives to the basket against Oscoda last Tuesday. Ryan Swope (#50) and Roger Alvarez (#55) look to rebound for Grayling on the play.

points. Our staff is pretty proud of our kids and the team effort that they gave tonight."

Schmidt was the scoring leader for Grayling with a game-high 27 points. Wheeler finished with 13 points, and Tobin and D'Amour each had 12. D'Amour also had seven assists and four steals.

Rebounding leaders for GHS were Wheeler and Swope with seven each, and Schmidt and Baynham with six boards apiece.

"Rebounding was a key for us," Coach Moffit said. "We outboarded the Owls 37-29 and we are 5-0 when we outrebound our opponents."

The Vikings lost the rebounding battle 33-27 in a 46-45 loss at Standish Sterling Central on Friday.

The game almost had to be decided in overtime. With the score tied at 45-45, Standish shot with about four seconds left, missed, but grabbed the rebound. The Vikings were called for a foul on the put-back try, putting Standish at the free throw line with 0.8 seconds left in regulation. The Panthers hit one free throw to win the game by one point, 46-45.

"Our kids played with a lot of intensity against a good Standish team," said Coach Moffit. "We had our opportunities and with a couple of breaks, could have been on the plus side of the ledger."

"We did not play physical enough on the boards and that was the difference in the game. Standish had six more boards than us and had we

checked out on the last shot we would have gone into OT," Moffit said.

Schmidt led Grayling in the scoring column with 18 points. Larry Baynham finished with 13 points.

On Friday, February 1, the varsity team will cap a basketball triple-header at Grayling Middle School. Grayling's freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boys basketball teams will all play against Bay City John Glenn at the middle school, starting with the 9th graders at 4:30 p.m.

In between the JV and varsity match, a ceremony will be held honoring Grayling High School's 1956-57 boys basketball team and the squad's cheerleaders. The '57 team went to the state quarter finals, the farthest a GHS basketball squad has gone into the playoffs.

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Grayling Middle School's 7th grade (white) boys basketball team posted a 24-23 victory over the Blazers of Kalkaska in Grayling last Monday.

"The last time we played Kalkaska, we lost by 15 points," said Coach Doug Pummell. "We are improving as a team."

Scoring leaders for Grayling were

Patrick Belcher and Jesse Ginther with nine points apiece. Ryan Murphy led the team in rebounds.

Moses Peters and Joel Collin played good defense, Coach Pummell said. "They held a Kalkaska player to two points when he had 17 last game," Pummell said.

On Wednesday, the Vikings lost to Gaylord 32-20.

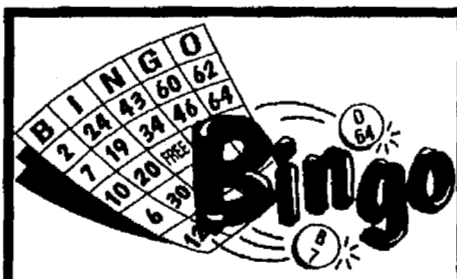
Ginther had 10 points for GMS in the match and Belcher finished with four.

"We played hard but made some silly mistakes and missed a lot of shots," said Coach Pummell.

The Vikings are now 2-6 this sea-

son. Four of Grayling's losses have come by a total of six points.

The team will compete in the end-of-the-season Roscommon Tournament at Roscommon on February 5 and 6.



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Lot 12, Wheel-in Estates, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 28, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 10, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Stallions 248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200127966
Stallions

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Willoughby and Sharon R. Willoughby, husband and wife, to Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, Indiana), mortgagor, dated June 15, 2000 and recorded July 17, 2000 in Liber 512, Page 84-90, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen and 64/100 Dollars (\$72,518.64) including interest at the rate of 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at

public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on February 27, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 17 & 18, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 65, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: January 17, 2002
ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC
Attorneys for Old Kent Mortgage Company (now by various resolutions duly known as Fifth Third Bank, Indiana).
As Mortgagee
2501 Rochester Court
Troy, MI 48063
(248) 457-1000
File No. 20010197

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vernon Overmeyer, a/k/a Vernon Overmeyer (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgage, dated August 6, 1997, and recorded on September 17, 1997 in Liber 438, on Page 73, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHT THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND 28/100 dollars (\$8,195.28), including interest at 15.00% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes of such state and provided, notice is hereby given that said

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 6, 2002.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 740, Indian Glens of the AuSable Unit #6, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Pages 01 through 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 1 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless an affidavit of occupancy or intent to occupy is recorded in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241(d) and given to the mortgagee. In which case the redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 24, 2002
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
Jaguars 248-593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200121978

BOWLING LEAGUE

Friday Mixed Doubles

Moshier Auto Repair . . . 19- 9
Fick & Sons . . . 18- 10
Ken's Tire & Auto . . . 16- 12
Chicken Little Joint Project . . . 15- 13
Charlie's Country Corner . . . 13 1/2 14 1/2
Double Trouble . . . 12 1/2-15 1/2
Aunt Betty's . . . 10- 18
Newlyweds . . . 8- 20
High Game Men: D. Wallace, 221; P. Lewis, 202; R. Marwede, 199.
High Series Men: D. Wallace, 590; P. Lewis, 552; R. Marwede, 545.
High Game Women: D. Medina, 195; K. Trudeau, 187; K. Moshier, 177.
High Series Women: D. Medina, 534; Y. Schreiber, 480; K. Trudeau, 467.

Recreation

Mickey Perez CPA . . . 16 - 8
Skyline Ski & C.C. . . . 13 - 11
Scheer Motors . . . 13 - 11
Chicken Little Joint Project . . . 12 - 12

Gale Enterprises . . . 11- 13
Peterson Saw Service . . . 11- 13
Glen's Market . . . 10- 14
Woody Girls . . . 10- 14
High Series: B. Wheeler, 533; L. Dellar, 527; V. Balmes and J. Hinds, 523.
High Game: V. Balmes, 204; S. Bly, 200; L. Dellar, 199.

Seniors

Grayling Pharmacy . . . 44 1/2 31 1/2
Cornell Insurance . . . 42 1/2-33 1/2
Spike's Keg O'Nails . . . 40 1/2 35 1/2
Buccillis Pizza . . . 39 - 37
Flowers by Josie . . . 39 - 37
Sylvester's Sports . . . 35 - 41
Baynham's Wood . . . 34 - 42
Halls Snow Removal . . . 28 1/2 47 1/2
High Game Men: K. Harris, 215; B. Hollis, 213; A.J. Hall, 213.
High Series Men: L. Crampton, 581; G. Wolfe, 579; B. Hollis, 546.
High Game Women: R. Joyce, 234;

M. Rysso, 193; D. Hollis, 181.
High Series Women: R. Joyce 520; M. Rysso, 494; D. Hollis, 490.

Northwood

Riverland . . . 16 - 8
Hart Pontiac-GMC . . . 16 - 8
Corky's Karaoke . . . 16 - 8
R. Calkins and Sons . . . 15 - 9
R & M Masonry . . . 14 - 10
Hometown . . . 8 - 16
Plaza Bar . . . 7 - 17
North Michigan Financial . . . 4 - 20
High Game: S. Romain, 211; T. Rock, 192; D. Roman, 188.
High Series: S. Romain, 598; M. Rock, 519; B. Lifford, 470.

Sunday Nite Mixed

Moshier Auto Repair . . . 35 - 7
Wakeley's Auto Parts . . . 23 - 19
R & M Masonry . . . 23 - 19
McDonald's . . . 21 - 21
Helsel Brothers . . . 17 - 25
Jack's . . . 17 - 25

Custom Interior . . . 14 - 28
Waste Management . . . 13 - 29
Men's High Game: S. Miller, 223; J. Robideau, 191; B. Nielson, 188.
Men's High Series: S. Miller, 560; R. Moshier, 527; B. Nielson, 501.
Women's High Game: T. Day, 215; M. Starks, 208; T. Raybould, 208.
Women's High Series: S. France, 525; S. Johnson, 524; T. Raybould, 513.

Pioneer

Avalanche . . . 12- 4
South Side River Rats . . . 10- 6
Chemical Bank . . . 9- 7
Aunt Betty's . . . 8- 8
Millikin's . . . 7- 9
Custom Interior . . . 6- 10
Rochette's . . . 6- 10
McDonald's of Grayling . . . 6- 10
High Series: C. Jones, 560; J. Hinds, 533; A. Evon, 522.
High Game: C. Jones, 228; K. Moshier, 204; K. Morrill, 203.

KIRTLAND BASKETBALL

Mens Team

WARREN - Monte Tucker's 27 points helped Kirtland overcome a four-point deficit at halftime Wednesday night en route to a 76-74 victory over Macomb - and help coach Glen Donahue reach another milestone.

The win gave Donahue 550 in his career. He leads all Michigan basketball coaches in career victories.

"Well, it's something I can enjoy for a day or so, at least," Donahue said after the game.

Though pleased with his team's second straight conference victory,

Donahue remained concerned with its play at times.

"We've got to get in sync," he said. "The guys are playing very hard, but it's the little things now. We're not blocking out or rebounding very well. We're making some bad mistakes sometimes."

Nevertheless, Donahue liked the play of some of his players who frequently don't get enough recognition for their efforts, such as sophomore co-captain Doug Moyer, who is playing on two bad knees.

"Doug has played exceptionally well for us all season," Donahue said. "He's certainly getting the most out of his talent, and he's been a very good leader, a steady influence on and off the court."

And freshman Vaughan Gray added some gritty minutes during the second-half comeback when sophomore point guard Mario Collins needed to be spelled.

Collins had 13 points for the Firebirds, who raised their Michigan Community College Athletic Association record to 2-3. They're 11-8 overall.

ROSCOMMON - What began as a victory parade this season for the Kirtland men's basketball team has turned into a death march.

And, like Saturday's 83-82 loss to Wayne County, the harmful result is typically self-inflicted.

Here was another game in which the Firebirds found themselves far behind early - as much as 15 points

in the first half, when they made just four of 13 free throws. Here again, they fought back and gave themselves a chance to win. In fact, they were leading by a deuce after sophomore guard Mario Collins hit two free throws with eight seconds left in the game.

But Wayne dribbled the ball down court and, with just two seconds left, Jason Williams threw up a prayer from long range as he was falling to the floor. The ball caromed off the glass and through the basket, answering the prayer and giving the visitors a one-point lead.

After a time-out, Kirtland's in-bounds baseline pass went to sophomore forward Doug Moyer, who appeared to be tackled as he tried to get off a shot. No foul was called, and the game ended.

"Good thing they've got Dr. Kevorkian locked away, or I'd be making a phone call," Kirtland Coach Glen Donahue said, referring to the Michigan physician notorious - and ultimately imprisoned - for assisting suicides. "We've died a thousand deaths like that this season."

After a 5-1 start to the season, Kirtland is 11-9 overall and just 2-4 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, a league it hoped to dominate this season.

"We've played well enough to win a lot of these games," Donahue said, "but not well enough to really dominate anybody."

Monte Tucker led Kirtland with 27 points. Mario Collins had 19 and Doug Moyer had 12.

Womens Team

WARREN - With their leading scorer out and their best inside player hobbled by an ankle injury, the Lady Firebirds of Kirtland were no match for one of the few comparative lightweights on their schedule.

Hannah Miller, one of the most dangerous three-point shooters in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association, was missing because of ligament damage to her wrist sustained at Alpena. And Brandi Bates, a tenacious rebounder and inside scorer, was running with a noticeable limp and held scoreless.

The results were predictable: Macomb, winless in conference play, walked off with an 85-64 victory.

"What can I say? We just didn't play well," Coach Jimmy Parker said. "They outrebounded us by a 2-1 margin. We doubted them in turnovers. We were 0-16 from three-point range. We made only 19 of 62 shots from the floor."

The lone bright spot for the Firebirds was freshman guard Becca Miller, who led all scorers with 28 points, including 16-16 from the free-throw line.

Amy Jordan had 13 points and Megan Hardy had 10. Kirtland dropped to 2-3 in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association and 9-10 overall.

Cheerleading Team

ROSCOMMON - Kirtland cheerleader Shauna Jennings was released Monday from Saginaw St. Mary's Hospital, where she was treated for a head injury after a fall during halftime of Kirtland's basketball game against Wayne County.

Doctors said she had a skull fracture, with bleeding on her brain, but other than having a nasty headache she's expected to have a full and complete recovery.

Jennings was standing atop another cheerleader's shoulders when she fell to the hardwood floor of the CRAF Center. A CAT scan at Grayling's Mercy Hospital showed the blood on the brain, so she was shipped to Saginaw for further evaluation and treatment, which revealed a fracture of the occipital bone. She never lost consciousness, and by 8 p.m. Saturday, several hours after the incident, she was alert and remembered losing her balance before the fall.

GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

LONG LIFE, HEALTHY FEET

Growing older does not mean that your feet should hurt. Many seniors attribute their bunions, heel pain, and other conditions to simple "old age," but these foot problems can be treated - many can even be prevented with proper foot care. Bunions are most often caused by genetics, not age. In severe cases where conservative methods fail, surgery is more than 80% successful in relieving pain, according to a recent study. Heel pain can be relieved with various treatments, including anti-inflammatories and daily stretching exercises. Orthotics can also cushion and support the heel area. Seniors can help prevent these and other foot problems by wearing properly fitting shoes, walking regularly, inspecting

their feet daily, and visiting a podiatrist twice a year.

The senior foot presents its own special concerns to the podiatrist. And whether feet are brand new or have a few miles on them no one should wait to see if their problems will "just go away." Feet of all ages deserve the comprehensive professional attention you'll find at GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C., 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City, PH: 922-9100 & 800-968-7440. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Don't ignore foot pain. Consult a podiatrist if your feet bother you in any way.

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS

Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting & Public Hearing January 9, 2002

Members Present: Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Terry Wright
Members Absent: Janice Annis, Tom Hall (T. Hall arrived at 8:00 p.m.)

Others Present: Al Somero, George Wolfe, Dale French, Ed Martella, Marge Martella, John Cobb, Joan Charboneau, Laura Labo, Allen Labo Sr., Thomas Turner, Laurita Turner, Monte Burmeister, Tom Coors, Kirk Wakefield.
Supervisor Wright opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to recess regular meeting and open Public Hearing for Whirlpool Road Special Assessment District for Paving. Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: 2. Motion carried.

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing to determine necessity of requested improvement (blacktopping) of Whirlpool Road, Sections 1 & 12, T26W, R3W.

It has been determined that the original petition does not contain signatures of 50% of the property owners of frontage on Whirlpool Road. Also, the question of whether the state land along Whirlpool (Michigan State University and the MI. Department of Natural Resources) is assessable? Township legal counsel should have the answer later this evening.

Supervisor opened hearing to public comment.

Correspondence: Robert S. Krause, Snow Road: In favor
Bailey Lewis: Against (address not determined)

David Cozad, Snow Road: Against; suspects cost estimated are very low and project could not be completed.

Lewis Bird, W. Park Drive: In favor.
Comments from citizens in attendance: Ed & Marge Martella; in favor. Kevin Gardiner; in favor, Al Somero, in favor.

Monte Burmeister, Township legal counsel, arrived and informed the Board that the Attorney General's opinion is that the Michigan State University Property and the MDNR property fronting Whirlpool Road are exempt from special assessment and therefore need not be included in calculating the front footage of Whirlpool Road.

Mr. Burmeister was asked to determine whether property owners on Richardson Road should be included in the special assessment? January 25th was set as the deadline for his opinion.
Supervisor noted the need to recalculate front footage to determine whether 51% of front footage owners had signed the petition. He recommends the process of creating a special assessment district should be re-done by scheduling another public hearing of necessity.

Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to close public and return to regular session. Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried. (7:55 p.m.)

Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to reschedule the Public Hearing of Necessity for Creation of a Special Assessment District on Whirlpool Road for Wednesday,

February 13, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. Ayes: three, Nays: none, Absent: two. Motion carried.

Tom Hall, trustee, arrived at 8:00 p.m. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to recess regular meeting and go into executive session to receive updates concerning ongoing litigation from legal counsel, Monte Burmeister. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Motion O'Mara, second by Hall, to reconvene regular session at 8:35 p.m. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to approve minutes of December 12, 2002, as presented. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
Motion by O'Mara, second by Ashton, to approve minutes of December 12, 2001, as presented. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report for December 2001 was read and placed on file.

Business:
1. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to agree to collect 2002 Summer Taxes for Crawford AuSable School District, C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District and Kirtland Community College and authorize Supervisor to negotiate contract for same. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

2. Motion by O'Mara, Second by Ashton, to reappoint Ron Fiebelkorn, Ken Riehle and Denis Fyock to the Grayling Township Board of Review. Term ends December 2003. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

3. Reports: Recycling Report: Nelson, written and on file.

Grayling Township Deputy: Coors, child watch program update.

Building Dept: Ferrigan regarding upgrade of Mech/Plumb Inspection equipment and training.

4. Motion by Ashton, second by Hall, to add cell phone for Jack Money, the plumbing & mechanical inspector, to our current cell phone contract and pay tuition fees for training required to keep his plumbing and mechanical inspection licenses current. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

5. Supervisor noted the following for informational purposes: Because Grayling Township has a population of more than 5,000 and/or registered electors of more than 3,000 we are required by law to submit the question of adding two trustees (for a total of four) to the electors on the November 2002 General Election ballot.

6. Motion by Ashton, second by O'Mara, to authorize supervisor to draft letter to the Crawford County Road Commission recommending four way stop signs at North Down River Road, Michigan Ave. and Roberts Road. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Wright, second by Hall,

to deny request by Henry Reniger that handicapped persons pay the discounted rate for compactator decals year around. A discount is available to all residents from October 1 to December 31 proceeding the year on the decal. Ayes: four, Nays: none, Absent: one. Motion carried.

8. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hall, to approve of claims on vouchers 23394-23438, Guardian dental \$618.48, Bld. & Comm. fees \$140.00, for a grand total of \$70,627.34.

9. Motion to adjourn by O'Mara, second by Hall, carried.
Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk.

SYNOPSIS

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Regular Board Meeting of January 16, 2002

The Regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Scott Hanson at 9:34 a.m. in the County Building on January 16, 2002.

Roll Call: Hanson, Goinick, Pinkelman, Corlew, Wieland and Beardslee.

Absent - None
Sandra Moore, County Clerk-Register of Deeds - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times.

---Moved to approve the Minutes for the December 19, 2001 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

---Moved to approve the Minutes for the December 13, 2001 Special Board Meeting as presented.

---Moved to approve the Minutes for the January 2, 2002 Organizational Board Meeting as presented.

---Moved to accept the agenda as presented.

---Moved to allow the Plan developed through the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority on the former Bear Archery property be approved and make FBMI L.L.C. eligible for a single business tax credit.

---Moved to authorize a letter from the County Chairman and the Environmental Control Monitor be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency opposing approval of the permit to drill another brine injection well in this location due to the environmental dangers encountered with the last well.

---Moved to submit a letter to the DEQ stating the County is not opposed to Weyerhaeuser Company adding zinc borate chemical to their operation as long as Weyerhaeuser modifies their Emergency Plan to address the contents of this chemical.

---Moved to allow Prosecutor John Huss to withdraw his written opinion and research additional factual information on the county subsidized post retirement health care benefits.

---Moved to approve registration fees in the amount of \$50.00 for the Clerk/Register of Deeds to attend the UCOA Conference and mandated Election Training in Lansing from Jan 27 - 30, 2002. Registration fees to be taken from the Clerk/Register of Deeds budget.

---Moved to reschedule the February Committees of the Whole meetings from February 14, 2002 to February 12, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.

---Moved to authorize the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Suffix for Retirees be changed from a \$3.00 prescription drug rider to a \$15.00/\$30.00 (generic/brand name) prescription drug rider.

---Moved to authorize payment of the following claims: General Fund - prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the January 9, 2002 report in the amount of \$660,249.90; Environmental Control Fund - cell phone reimbursement for Merrill, payroll and open invoices on the January 9, 2002 report in the amount of \$3,695.31; Central Dispatch Fund - prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoice on the January 9, 2002 report in the amount of \$26,961.54; Building and Zoning Fund - per diem for Anderson and Beardslee, mileage and per diem for Duran, prepaid vouchers, payroll and open invoices on the January 9, 2002 report in the amount of \$10,726.86; COPS in Schools Fund - prepaid voucher, and payroll in the amount of \$5088.54; Fish Fund - prepaid voucher in the amount of \$7.00 and DARE Fund - payroll in the amount of \$11,697.65.

---Moved to schedule a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for Friday, February 1, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. to review proposed policies on the purchase of additional time for retirement purposes and policies adopted on subsidized post retirement health care benefits.

---Moved to submit a letter of support for Roscommon County to pursue grant funding to construct a wastewater disposal and treatment system for the northern area of Higgins Lake. The wastewater disposal problems experienced at Camp Curnalia are due in part to the high density of dwelling development and high permeable soil conditions. Some of the dwellings on this site fall within Crawford County boundaries.

---Moved to accept correspondence as submitted.

---Moved to adopt a Resolution supporting the State Re-Instate Funding for the Cooperative Resource Management Initiative Program.

---Moved to submit a letter to Mercy Hospital and advise the County is pursuing local autopsy options with Medical Examiner McNamara and Prosecutor Huss.

---Consensus to send a letter of acknowledgement and appreciation of the Portage Dam 2001 Readings to Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association.

---Moved to review the MSU Extension/4-H Program Associate Position prior to July 2002 and before possible elimination.

---Moved to authorize EMO Merrill to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and Crawford County for volunteers to work at the Fish Hatchery and/or Recycling Center.

---Moved to enter into an Executive Session to review pending litigation with Prosecutor John Huss (11:43 a.m.).
---Executive Session began at 11:43 a.m. and concluded at 11:56 a.m.

---Moved to assign Emergency Management Director Larry Akers as the Designated Agent of record for the County of Crawford on the 2001 State Domestic

Preparedness Equipment Grant in the amount of \$25,141.00.

---Moved to accept the Letter of Resignation from Commission on Aging Board Member Randall Hartley with regrets.

---Moved to request a legal opinion on local boards and commissions paying bills prior to full board authorization.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.
A full context of the meeting minutes is available in the clerk's office.

Sandra Moore
Clerk/Register of Deeds

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by William J. Lund a/k/a W. Jack Lund and Kathleen E. Lund, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties, not as tenants in common, of 1915 N. Dennis Road, Ludington, Michigan 49431, to Citizens Bank t/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan banking association, of 305 Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738, dated April 14, 1995, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford in the State of Michigan on April 18, 1995, in Liber 392, Page(s) 489, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this Notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$172,519.20, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

NOW THEREFORE, Notice is hereby given that on March 6, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., on the steps of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, (that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said Mortgage, together with interest at 10.50 percent per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee, Citizens Bank t/a Grayling State Bank, does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lots 1 through 6, Block 27, Roffee's Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Citizens Bank t/a Grayling State Bank
Mortgagee
BRANDT, FISHER, ALWARD & ROY, P.C.

Thomas R. Alward (P 31724)
Attorneys for Mortgagee
1241 E. Eighth Street, P.O. Box 5817
Traverse City, Michigan 49696-5817
(231) 941-9660
Dated: January 16, 2002

-24-31-7-14-21

GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT Steering Committee Opening

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications for persons wishing to serve on the Grayling Fish Hatchery Project Steering Committee. Interested applicants should have a genuine interest in the Project, as well as the ability to attend meetings on the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. The present committee members also spend numerous hours of their personal time working on the Project. If you wish to apply, contact Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk at (989) 344-3200, or direct correspondence to her attention at: 200 W. Michigan Ave. Grayling, MI 49738.

The deadline for applications will be Friday, February 8, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.

A PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

7564 Co. Rd. 612
Frederic, MI 49733
(989) 348-8840

MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR 2002:

As required by the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act 1976 PA 267, the Frederic Township Planning Commission hereby list and post the dates, times and places all of its regular meetings during the year 2002 as follows:

1. All regular meetings will be held at the Frederic Township Hall located at 7564 County Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733 Phone (989) 348-8840. All meetings will start at 7:00 P.M.

February 11, 2002
May 20, 2002
August 19, 2002
December 16, 2002

Douglas Pratt
Zoning Administrator

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS FRONTING WHIRLPOOL ROAD; AND THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS WHO USE WHIRLPOOL ROAD FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO THEIR PROPERTIES.

REGARDING: SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAVING WHIRLPOOL ROAD, Sections 1 & 12, T26N, R3W.

A citizen petition has been presented to Grayling Township, containing the names of more than 50 percent of the property owners along Whirlpool Road, requesting the township establish a special assessment district for the purpose of paving Whirlpool Road.

Under Public Act 188 of 1954 (MCLA 41.721 et seq.), Grayling Township has the obligation of investigating the establishment for such an authority. If approved, all costs for paving Whirlpool Road would be forwarded by the Township, then collected back from eligible property owners over a period of 5 years. The assessment would include a one percent administrative fee.

THE FIRST OF TWO MANDATORY PUBLIC HEARINGS on this project will be held on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2002, AT 7:00 P.M., IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE GRAYLING TOWNSHIP HALL, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 Hwy), Grayling.

At this hearing, comments and objections on the need for road improvements through a special assessment will be determined.

If it is determined to proceed, a second hearing will be set to determine the exact properties, which will be assessed, and exactly how much each assessment will be. Once the assessment has been set, Grayling Township will contract with the Crawford County Road Commission to perform the actual roadwork.

It is important to attend this hearing or forward your comments in writing in order to protect your rights of appeal. Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-4361 or FAX (989) 348-6713.

Project files and maps are available for inspection at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, during normal business hours.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

Pursuant with action taken at the January 7th, Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services Board of Directors meeting, there will be a special meeting of the Board on Monday, February 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the lower level meeting room of Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services, located at 1165 Elkview, Gaylord, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Board of Directors to identify a plan of action that will meet the needs identified by all CMH affiliations within the region, the Department of Community Health and Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services pursuant to the merger between Northern Michigan Community Mental Health and NMSAS.

If you are planning to attend this meeting please RSVP to Heidi Serven by fax 989-732-7052 or by email to heidi@nmsas.net.

Federal and State funding has been provided to support in the project costs.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Grayling
5688 M-72 West
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 5688 M-72 West, Grayling, Michigan until 10:00 a.m. E.S.T., Wednesday, February 20, 2002 for a Salt Storage Building.

The building is to be a 30' x 32' x 20' concrete wall/wood roof structure.
A Certified Check, Cashiers Check or Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the bid must accompany each proposal.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

City Manager's Office	Grayling, Michigan
Builders & Traders Exchange	Traverse City & Saginaw, Michigan
F.W. Dodge	Grand Rapids, Michigan

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained by mail at the office of Leonard W. Graf, P.E., 7429 Fouch, Traverse City, Michigan 49684. A non-refundable fee of \$20.00 will be required for each set of Contract Documents.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive irregularities in any bid and to accept the bid they deem in the best interest of the City of Grayling. No Contractor may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty days after the opening of the bids.

January 23, 2002
City of Grayling
Allen Lowe
Manager

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CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING VACANCY NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for vacant positions on the Crawford County Commission on Aging through Thursday, February 7th, 2002 at 4:00 P.M. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the lives of all seniors within Crawford County. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 23, 2002

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular Board meeting starting at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, February 14, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following:

- (1) - 3-Cyd Front End Loader
- (1) - 4-Cyd Front End Loader

It is the desire of the Crawford County Road Commission to acquire the equipment by utilizing the bidders lease program. Length of lease shall be Five (5) years.

Individual specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in separate envelopes and clearly marked as "3-Cyd Front End Loader" or "4-Cyd Front End Loader".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in bidding and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 1, 1979

Crawford County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall Division are jointly involved in the investigation of a fire that took the life of a Grayling man this past Sunday morning. Gary William Mott, 23, Grayling, lost his life in the blaze that destroyed a building located approximately five miles from town on M-72 West. Cause of the blaze, to which volunteer firemen were called at approximately 5:45 a.m. on Sunday, remains undetermined.

County Stats: According to Leo E. Lovely, Crawford County Clerk, there were 267 births in the county during 1978, and 177 deaths. There were 109 marriage licenses issued, 177 civil action suits started and 63 criminal cases started.

A group of school employees, including school administrators, students, interested local citizens and CETA workers attacked a huge snowbank atop the Grayling High School that collapsed a portion of the roof. Damage was minimal, according to Asst. Administrator Paul Lerg.

46 Years Ago February 2, 1956

A landmark along the New York Central Railroad yards in Grayling will soon be a thing of the past. The towering, coal dock which has dominated the railroads as it reared its sooty roof high over the surrounding scene for the past nearly 60 years is coming down. The Millikin

Construction Company of Grayling, working under a contract from the New York Central system started demolition of the large wooden structure this week. Now that the engines of the railroad have been completely changed from steam to diesel, there is no longer any use for the coal dock, so it was decided to dismantle it. After preliminary work at the base of the structure, the wreckers plan on fastening a cable to the top of the dock and attempting to tumble it over in a northerly direction which is clear of buildings.

A new business opens its doors at 9 o'clock Friday morning when Mr. and Mrs. W. Donald Wood start a two day open house to introduce the Grayling Pharmacy. The new pharmacy is located at 208 Michigan Avenue, in the new building between the Pink Lady and Ron's Hardware. The open house, held Friday and Saturday of this week, will feature free gifts for everyone and chances on several door prizes.

Dr. J.F. Cook, James Post, Willard Cornell and Clare Madsen have purchased the property known as the AuSable View Farm just west of the city limits off M-72 and on the AuSable River. The four new owners plan to clean up the property, filling in the low spots and construct a road through it. It will then be subdivided in lots. The property will be developed by the new owners into sites for home buildings and will probably be named AuSable View Park.

The Greyhound bus station closed out at the Crawford County

Chamber of Commerce office as of last Monday and opened Tuesday at the Grayling Gulf Service Station at 607 Cedar Street. The move was necessitated by the Chamber planning to move from its present location in the old Legion Hall on Peninsula Street to space in the Grayling City office on Ottawa Street. The change of offices is move on the Chamber's part to cut what was felt to be too high overhead operating costs.

69 Years Ago February 2, 1933

By the margin of the difference between 24 and 26 Alpena took a ball game here last Friday night. Eight field goals apiece meant a battle from the foul line, and the Avalanche from the north got ten out of fifteen while the Northern Lights managed eight out of fourteen tries. There was the margin of victory.

A handful of statistics concerning northeastern Michigan trout streams is going to eliminate that old alibi "the fish weren't there" if handlers of the rod and reel return empty handed from this section. For the fish are there, asserts P.G. Zalsman, superintendent of the Grayling Fish Hatchery. And he ought to know, because he supervised the planting of nine tons of trout in streams flowing through seven counties in northeastern Michigan during the past year. They were placed in streams in Montmorency, Otsego, Oscoda, Crawford, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Gladwin counties. A large part of the trout were placed in the AuSable, a stream noted throughout the world for its trout fishing. Including the AuSable, Crawford county has more than 200 miles of

streams, believed to be more than any other county in Michigan.

A very pleasant surprise party sponsored by some of the men of the community was held last Saturday evening at Wa-Wa-Sum in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Doremire and family. Five tables of pinochle and pedro were played. At a late hour a potluck lunch prepared and served by the men was enjoyed. Later they capped the climax by washing the dishes. The ladies voted it all a great success and a rare treat greatly appreciated.

92 Years Ago February 3, 1910

James Smith of Frederic was in Detroit last week on business concerning the Ward estate. He did not buy as it is not declared necessary in his lumbering operations.

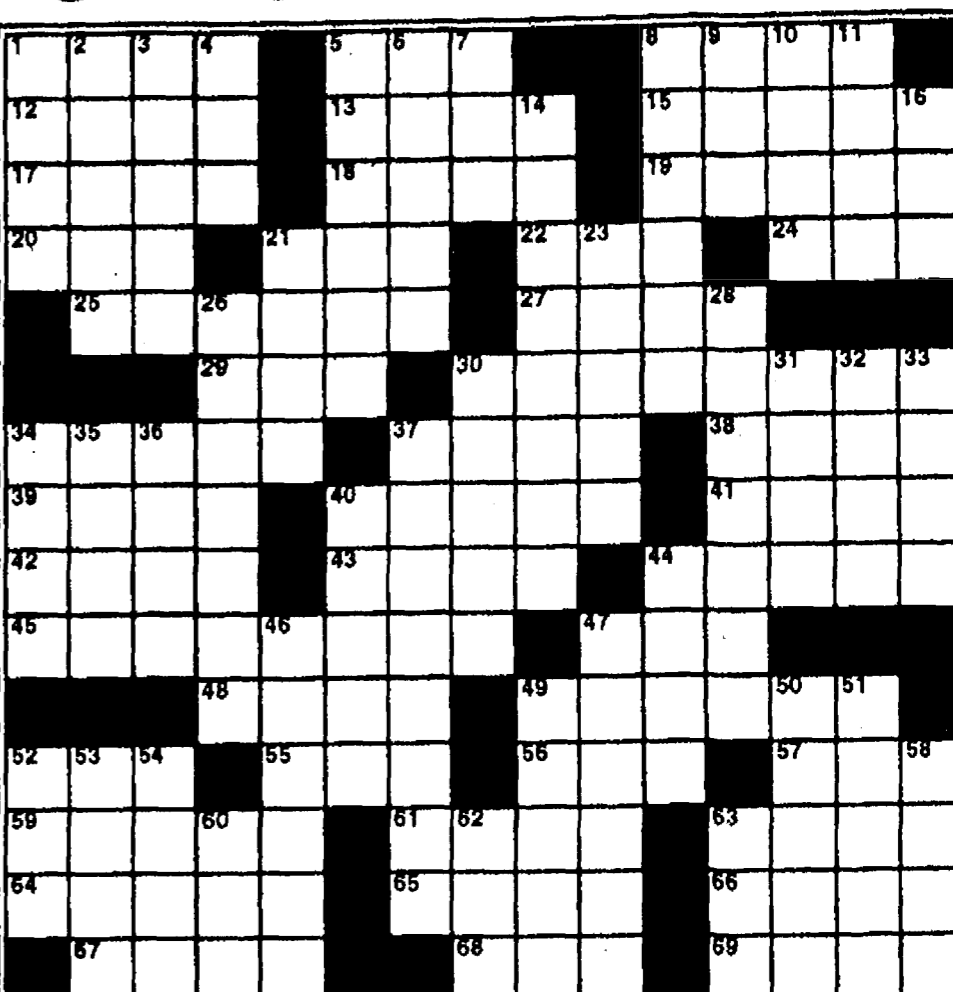
The Gaylord Herald says that the Boyne City, Gaylord and Alpena railroad is making preparations to extend their railroad to Hillman to connect with the D. & M. railroad, which opened to traffic last month to the latter place.

As we go to press, Wednesday afternoon Ground Hog day, the beast has not yet seen his shadow, and we begin to smile at the approach of spring.

James Jorgenson purchased a four-passenger auto at Detroit last week. It is a powerful machine and a beauty, which he will enjoy with his family.

The Douglas Co. at Lovells suspended work on account of no logs. The deep snow makes logging disagreeable and should we get any more snow some of the lumbermen will be obliged to abandon logging.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Freight boat
5. Parent Teacher Association: abbr.
8. Reminded
12. Large burrowing rodent of S. and C. America
13. Aboriginal race
15. Advanced Sonar Data Indication Commission: abbr.
17. News
18. Restrict or constrain
19. Civil rights group
20. After B
21. Soviet Socialist Republic: abbr.
22. A digital tape recording of sound
24. Japanese ornamental tree with fragrant white or pink blossoms and small yellow fruit
25. Small bone of the inner ear
27. Freudian self
29. Vacation: shortened form
30. 13th-century holy wars
34. Insert mark
37. Foundation
38. Murres
39. Paul Bunyan's pet
40. "Who ___ to cross my path?"
41. Frock
42. The scum formed by oxidation at the surface of molten metals
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid: abbr.
44. A confusion of voices and other sounds

45. Peacefulness; calmness
47. The "teeth" on rotating gears (sing.)
48. Sound unit
49. Stroke
52. After Fri.
55. ___ and Peace
56. A fabric woven from goat and camel hair
57. Sound of understanding
59. A citizen of Iran
61. Icelandic poems
63. Outer garments
64. Concerns
65. "Gosh ___ it!"
66. Small deer of Japan with slightly forked antlers
67. Sweet edible fruit with a single large woody seed
68. The cry made by sheep
69. Door handle

DOWN

1. Specification: shortened form
2. Restaurants
3. Group of eight
4. No longer is
5. Astronomy unit
6. Ranks
7. Black tropical American cuckoo
8. Poem divisions
9. United States of America: abbr.
10. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made into balls
11. Andrew ___ Clay, comedian
14. Where submarines travel
16. Consumer Product Index: abbr.
21. Small fight, usually between couples
23. A chill or fit of shivering
26. Takes vengeance on behalf of
28. Highly seasoned minced meat stuffed in casings
30. A person who works with a carnival
31. Uninteresting
32. Irish Republic
33. Take a trip on a boat
34. An Indian unit of length having different values in different localities
35. A shaft on which a wheel rotates
36. Back side
37. Bargained; traded
40. Yugoslavian River
44. Cold wind
46. Not at all
47. Copa ___
49. Arthropod genus
50. Absorption unit
51. A stiff, cylindrical military dress hat with a metal plate in front, a short visor and a plume
52. Meaning intentionally misspelled or misspelled, used after a printed word or phrase
53. Rumanian city
54. Scarecrow's home
58. As fast as can be done: abbr.
60. Used to capture birds, fish, butterflies, etc.
62. To apply with short, poking strokes
63. Request

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS



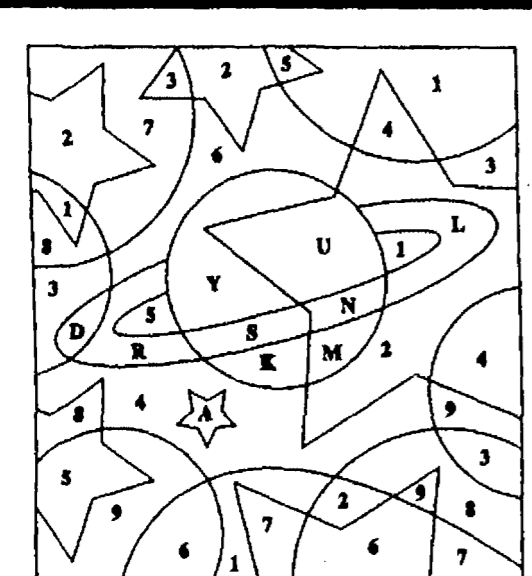
Hot Artichoke and Roasted Red Pepper Dip

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Ingredients:
1 7-oz. can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
1/2 cup plain yogurt
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup roasted red bell peppers, chopped
1/4 cup grated Parmesan Cheese
1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning

Stir artichoke hearts, yogurt, mayonnaise, roasted red peppers, Parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning together in a medium bowl. Turn into a greased 8-9 inch pie plate. Bake in preheated 350°F upper oven for about 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately with pita crisps or crackers for dipping. Makes approximately 2 1/2 cups.

HIDDEN PICTURE



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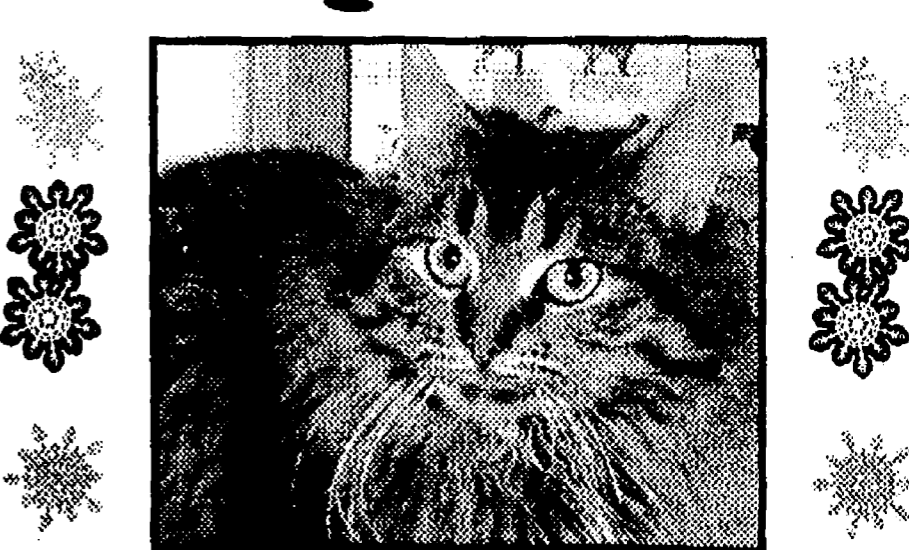
The most rainfall ever received in one year was 1,041 inches in Assam, India, 1880-1881

Learn Some French



The woman has an umbrella.
La femme a un parapluie.

Adopt a Pet



Sam is a male main coon mix. He is approximately 5 months old and very loving. Gets along well with other cats and does not mind dogs. If you would like to adopt Sam or find out more about any animal at the Animal Shelter, please call 348-4117.

If you are thinking about getting a pet, remember that a pet is a long term commitment. They need vaccinations and have to visit the doctor just as we do. They also need food, water, and attention. A pet who has a lot of attention develops good social habits and manners (something we all need). It is your responsibility to see that your pet doesn't bring unwanted litters into an already overcrowded animal world. Your dog or cat will live an average of 14 years, so if you can't see committing yourself for that long perhaps you should think about a hamster or guinea pig, their life spans are much shorter and, given love and attention, are great pets.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall Winter Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9am - 1pm; Sun. and Holidays 8am - 11am After hour appointments available.

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of February 3rd



New information gives you a different perspective on many situations. It's OK to share your feelings but be receptive to others. Focus on your budget and spending plans.



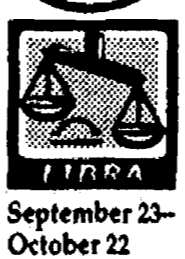
March 21-April 19

Questions are being answered and situations are being resolved in your favor. Keep this in mind if there's a temporary setback. Health and diet plans deserve attention.



June 22-July 22

Now is the time to be aware of what's going on around you at work and at home. You'll get support when you least expect it. Do some research before making a planned purchase.



September 23-October 22

It's a good time to step back and study the situation before making a move. You'll get more accomplished with a lower profile. Take care of budget and health issues.



January 20-February 18

You're on the path to success. Concentrate on the necessary tasks at hand and don't get sidetracked with things that aren't important to your goals. Practice what you preach.



April 20-May 20

Now is the time to repay someone for past favors and support. You may have to do some work to get your points across but persistence pays off. A small purchase makes you feel better.



July 23-August 22

Concentrate on important activities and clear the decks of less-crucial items. Making a small sacrifice now will pay big dividends later. Someone from the past makes a triumphant return.



October 23-November 21

Strive for balance and simplify your life where possible. Events from the past will be resolved. In a positive way. Someone is working behind the scenes for you.



February 19-March 20

An exciting opportunity is waiting in the wings. Be aware of change and don't get taken by surprise. Don't put off that repair project any longer.



May 21-June 21

Pick up the pieces of a past mistake and move ahead. You may have to make the first move to mend a relationship. Step up and set an example for others.



August 23-September 22

Other people look to you for leadership and guidance. Be aware that your actions affect a wider audience. Remember to take some time just for you.



November 22-December 21

Be careful with your time and your money. Opportunity may be knocking and you want to have the right answer! Someone in authority has an eye on you.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Snow
1/23	47	20	10
1/24	41	23	7
1/25	29	21	7
1/26	45	26	5
1/27	47	26	4
1/28	48	27	4
1/29	36	24	3

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Exotic Weather)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 27 Low 18 Cloudy	High 28 Low 21 Snow	High 24 Low 7 Snow Showers	High 28 Low 15 Partly Cloudy	High 31 Low 18 Light Snow

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Display Advertising Rate - \$6.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$4.20 for 15 words or

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www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

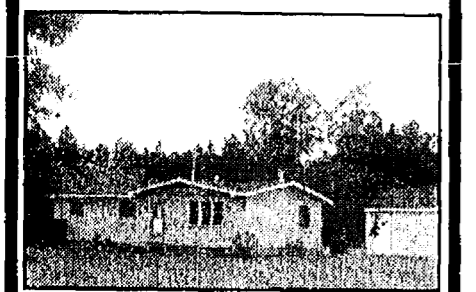
Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

BY OWNER Three bedroom, one bath home in a great neighborhood. Completely refurbished, 13 year old home with full basement and two car garage, on a large lot one mile from city. \$69,900. 989-348-4443. (-31-7-14/1)



Connie Winans
Newly Remodeled home on three lots with DEEDED easement to the Manistee River! Home is very nicely updated including the full, finished basement with a 2x21 family room. Also featuring a pool side room looking out into the private, large deck area that surrounds the pool. 2 car garage and comes with 2 EXTRA lots. \$82,000 #4810



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1. Real Estate

GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 989-275-5445 (9/27/01/1/1)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR SALE on N. I-75 Business Loop (N Old 27) in Grayling township. 200 ft. frontage. 40 x 90 building. 800 sq. ft. of office/retail area. 2,800 sq. ft. of warehouse/shop area. Single phase electric. Zoned commercial on Class A road. \$125,000. 989-275-5445 or 989-275-8987 ask for Jerry. (1/31/02/1/1)

Professional Home Inspections



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- Electrical
- Plumbing

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2a. Want To Rent

A PROFESSIONAL, FAMILY oriented couple with two children seeks a big, clean non-smoking three bedroom house to rent, but prefer to lease. Call 989-348-5458. (-31-7/2A)

2. For Rent

SMALL ONE BEDROOM rental unit. \$425/month includes utilities. Located one mile north of Grayling. Call 231-826-4191. (1/17/02/1/2)

TWO BEDROOM CABIN on the mainstream AuSable. No pets. \$500 a month plus deposit. 989-348-7893. (-31-7/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent. No pets. Inquire Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, Old 27 N. (-31/2)

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2. For Rent

ROOMMATE WANTED Female under 50, no kids. \$300 a month, plus deposit. 989-344-8374. (-31-7-14-21/2)

ONE - TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT in town. \$400 month plus deposit. All utilities included except gas. 989-348-2473. (-31-7-14-21/2)

GRAYLING Now accepting applications for Arbor Court Apartments. All two bedroom. Rent based on 30% of adjusted income. For more information or application call Sande at 989-366-4475 or call Richards Management, Inc. toll free 1-888-576-6468, TDD# 800-649-3777. Barrier free units available. Equal Housing Opportunity. (5/31/01/1/2)

WELL KEPT TWO BEDROOM, 1 bath with garage near Higgins Lake. \$500 month, first and last months rent. Credit report obtained. Please call to see 989-939-8965. (-31-7/2)

NICE CLEAN two bedroom duplex. Natural gas, storage, lawn care. \$395 plus rental and employment references, non-smoking. 8110 Inslay. 989-348-2178. (1/24/02/1/2)

1. Real Estate

THREE BEDROOM HOME in town. Handicap entrance. Call 989-732-3828. (-24-31/2)

ROOMMATE WANTED New home, adults only. South of Grayling. \$300/month. Call for interview. 989-348-2775. (-31/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE on Arrowhead Road. \$450 a month plus deposit. 989-348-6334. (-24-31-7-14/2)

NEAT AND CLEAN country setting two bedroom with attached garage. Eight miles south of Grayling. Reference and security deposit. \$500 per month. 989-275-4126. (-31-7/2)

EFFICIENCY UNIT for single working party, furnished, includes utilities and free cable. \$320. Call 989-348-5433. (1/17/02/1/2)

VERY NICE three bedroom mobile home located in Grayling Mobile Estates. Rents for \$450 per month plus deposit and utilities. No pets, non smokers, must have good references and credit report. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-24-31/2)

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Nice Family Home This home needs some TLC, but will be a great family home. 3 bedrooms; nice and roomy. Close to town and golf course. \$99,900 #20018



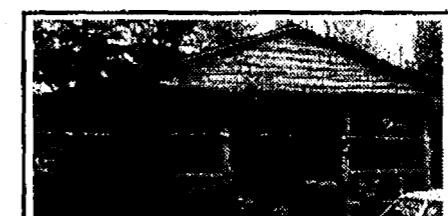
5 Bedroom Home in Private Setting Close to town, private road in private subdivision. Nicely wooded and secluded. Ready for a family and room to grow. Minutes away from town and only blocks from snowmobiling, 4 wheeling and state land. \$129,900 #13290



Like New Modular Home This 3 bedroom home was set on the property in 1999. Neat and clean, with fireplace, bay window, double pane windows, 640 acres of state land across the road, and less than 1 mile from the AuSable River. \$75,900 #13350



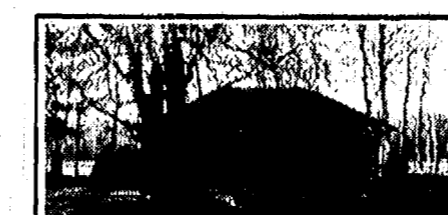
Well Kept Mobile w/12 Acres Very clean and well kept mobile home on acreage. Nice carport covering front door. Living area has fireplace and extension for that extra room needed for guests. \$80,000 #13279



Cozy Log Home This is "Up North at its Best". This cabin offers 2 bedrooms with bunk-beds included, appliances, 9x30 covered porch, just seconds from Big Creek. The Association fee of \$100 includes Pool, Shooting Range and Archery, Trout Pond for the kids. \$89,900 #14491



Very Private Log Cabin A very private 2 bedroom log cabin with room to expand. Includes a large 30x36 garage and storage shed. Very clean and ready to move into. \$124,900 #13015



Home on Bradford Lake One of a kind Octagon home on All Sports Bradford Lake. "Pentagon Setting" offers panoramic views with expansive frontage on the canal and lagoon on nearly 2 acres. Heated 30'x50' garage with workshop, underground sprinkler system, deck, and additional parcel across the road. \$215,000 #14437



Home on 2 City Lots Home was completely redone in 1995. Located on two city lots. Two small cabins for storage or workshop. Basement with outside entrance has two rooms, 13x21 each. \$57,000 #3244



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12TH FAIRWAY AT FOX RUN GOLF COURSE Beautiful half log home. 2,240 s.f., 3 B/R, 2 baths, knotty pine ceilings and walls throughout, cathedral ceiling in living room, open staircase, fieldstone fireplace, walk-in closets. Landscaping with sprinkling system. Stove, Refr., Dishwasher, and garbage disposal. CH-1399 \$183,500



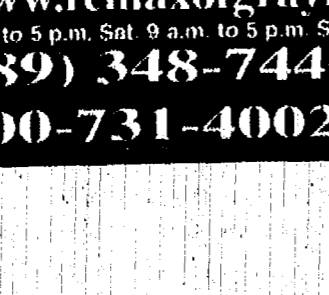
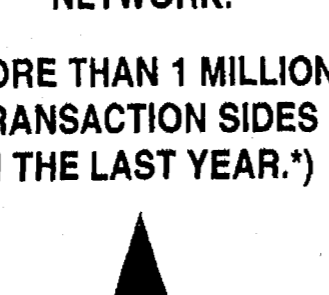
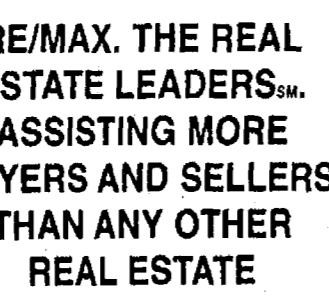
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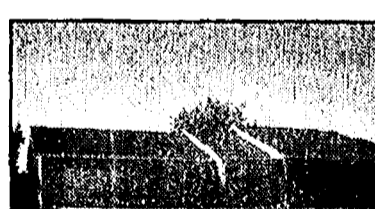
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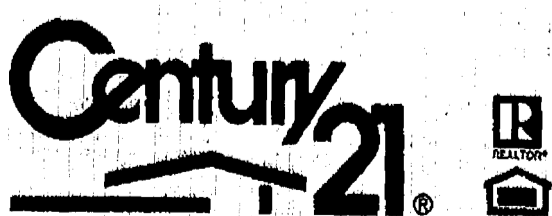
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8. Announcements

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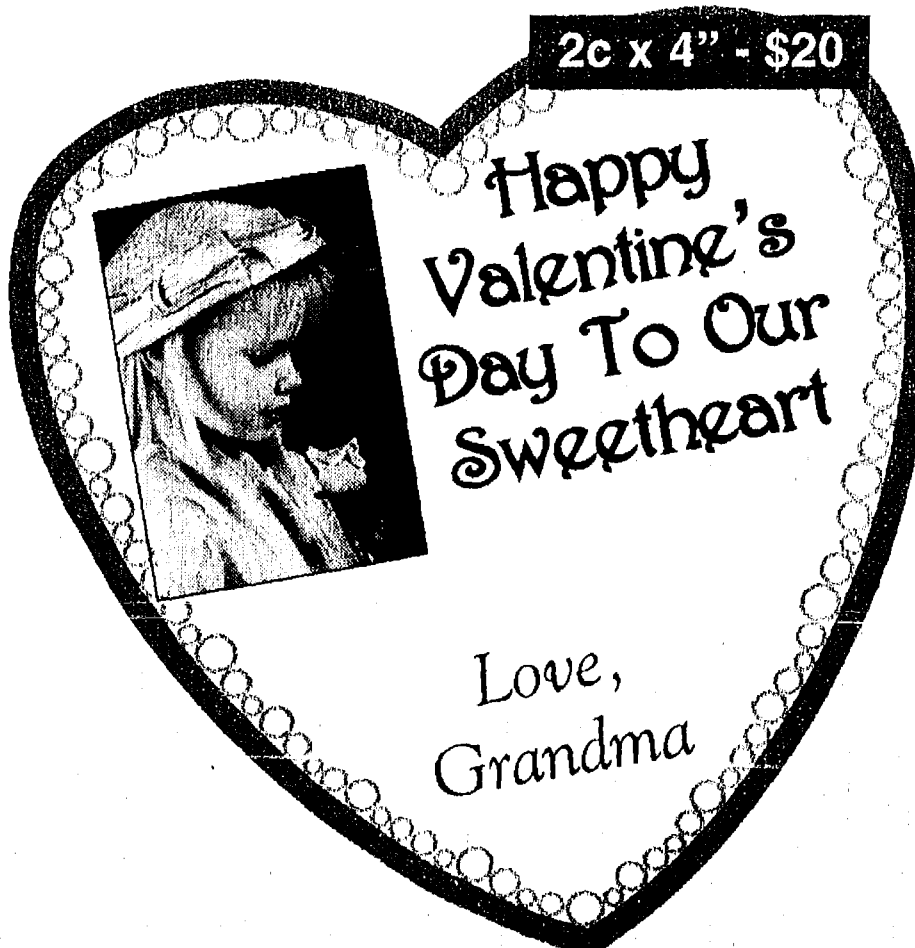
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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Sentencing for November - December 2001

Honorable Dennis F. Murphy:
Thomas Eric Wellman of Grayling - Possession of Controlled Substance (Marijuana), 2nd Offense - Sentenced to 13 to 24 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections, ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims' Fund fee.

Jeffrey John Hoelsi of Grayling - Motor Vehicle, Unlawful Driveaway - Sentenced to 11 to 60 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections; ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$1,390 restitution.

Nathan William Brody of Grayling - Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd Degree (Attempt) - Sentenced to 300 days in jail; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund; placed on 24 months probation.

Arun Michael Houlton of El Mirage, Arizona - Criminal Sexual Conduct 1st Degree - Sentenced to 9 to 20 years with the Michigan Department of Corrections; ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims' Fund.

Paul Michael Saylor of Roscommon - Malicious Destruction of Personal Property over \$200 (Attempt) - Sentenced to 90 days jail; ordered to pay \$300 costs, \$50 Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 12 months probation.

Joshua James Strother of Higgins Lake - Malicious Destruction of Personal Property over \$200 (Attempt) - Sentenced to 90 days jail; ordered to pay \$300 costs, \$50 Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 12 months probation.

Honorable Alton T. Davis:
James Bruce Babbitt of Frederic - Malicious Destruction of a Building, \$1,000 - \$20,000 - Sentenced to 60 days jail; placed on 24 months probation; ordered to pay \$300 costs, \$4,693.88 restitution, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund.

Wayne Lee Handrich of Grayling - Controlled Substance/Delivery - Sentenced to 90 days jail; placed on 24 months probation ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$2,000 restitution, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fee, \$150 forensic lab fee; driver license suspended 365 days.

Hendrick John Westers of Grayling - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 190 days jail; dis-

charged from probation w/o improvement.

Jeffrey Scott Dickenson of Grayling - Probation Violation - Reinstated on probation.

Jonny Rexford Brown of Romulus - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 270 days jail; may be released upon full payment of fines and costs.

James Allan Skornicka of Lake - Probation Violation - Probation reinstated.

Tracy Irene Chandonais of Grayling - Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana - Ordered to pay \$240 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$150 forensic lab fee, \$350 attorney fee; placed on 6 months probation.

Shawn Michael Vanduinien of Frederic - Probation Violation - Sentenced to 32 to 120 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Jeffrey Leland Nowland of Houghton Lake - OUIL 3rd - Sentenced to 330 days jail; ordered to pay \$300 fine, \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fee; placed on 24 months probation; driver license revoked.

Ruth Anne Grunow of Grayling - Financial Transaction device - Retain w/o Consent - Sentenced to 120 days jail; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$1,458.01 restitution, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fee; placed on 24 months probation.

Honorable John G. Hunter:

David Allen Hubbard of Grayling - Substance -Delivery/Manufacture Marijuana - Sentenced to 270 days jail; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$150 forensic lab fee, \$350 attorney fee; placed on 24 months probation; driver's license suspended 365 days.

Shane Lee Ebright of Grayling - False Report of a Felony - Sentenced to 300 days jail; ordered to pay \$300 court costs, \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$350 attorney fees; placed on 36 months probation.

Shawn Michael Vanduinien of Frederic - Unlawful use of Motor Vehicle - Sentenced to 16 to 24 months with the Michigan Department of Corrections; ordered to pay \$60 Crime Victims' Fund, \$1,390 restitution.

83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencing for November 2001

Honorable John G. Hunter:

David Henry Salazar, 42 of Belleville: Controlled Substance, Use of Marijuana; ordered to pay \$480 in fines/costs and/or 48 days in jail.

Gary Robert Hampton, 42 of Grayling: Non Sufficient Funds U/\$100; sentenced to 12 days in jail with credit for 12 days already served, ordered to pay \$360 in fines/costs and/or 81 days in jail and \$509.89 in restitution, and placed on 365 days probation.

Susan Anne Simons, 32 of Gaylord: Reckless Driving; ordered to pay \$260 in fines/costs and/or 26 days in jail.

Justin Donald Davis, 20 of Grayling: Larceny - Less than \$200; ordered to pay \$216 in fines/costs and/or 21 days in jail.

Gary Robert Hampton, 42 of Grayling: OUIL/Per Se; sentenced to 12 days in jail with credit for 12 days already served, ordered to pay \$1,320 in fines/costs and/or 81 days in jail, and placed on 365 days probation.

Chris E. DeHart, 29 of Grayling: OUIL/Per Se; sentenced to 5 days in jail, ordered to pay \$1,220 in fines/costs and/or 75 days in jail, and placed on 365 days probation.

Rene Albert Neveux II, 34 of Goodrich: License Plates/Expired; ordered to pay \$522 in fines/costs and placed on 181 days probation.

Charles Floyd Finley, 42 of Roscommon: Impaired Driving; ordered to pay \$600 in fines/costs and/or 60 days in jail.

Donna Josephine Mandoskin, 40 of Grayling: Non Sufficient Funds Check U/\$100; sentenced to 93 days in jail with credit for 93 days already served, and ordered to pay restitution of \$22.75.

Deborah Merle Beening, 42 of Brooklyn: Operating ORV Fleeing and Eluding; ordered to pay \$165 in fines/costs.

Charles Joseph Beening, 54 of Brooklyn: Operating ORV Fleeing and Eluding; ordered to pay \$165 in

fines/costs.
Ladon Scott, 38 of Luzerne: Impaired Driving; ordered to pay \$450 in fines/costs and/or 45 days in jail.

Garret Russel Nichols, 18 of Grayling: T-Improper Use License Plate; ordered to pay \$626.40 in fines/costs and/or 63 days in jail and placed on 181 days probation.

Harry Wellington Davis, 18 of Grayling: OUIL/Per Se; ordered to pay \$1,220 in fines/costs and/or 75 days in jail and placed on 365 days probation.

Nathan Allen Tubbs, 20 of Grayling: License Plates/Expired and License Suspended/Revoked - Allow Suspended Person to Operate; ordered to pay \$732 in fines/costs and/or 73 days in jail and placed on 181 days probation.

Steven Paul Wells, 43 of Roscommon: Domestic Violence; sentenced to 355 days in jail, ordered to pay \$850 in fines/cost and/or 85 days in jail and placed on 365 days probation.

Sharon Lee Myers, 37 of Flint: Malicious Destruction of Personal Property - Less \$200 and Domestic Violence; ordered to pay \$760 in fines/costs and/or 76 days in jail.

Paul Charles Robinson, 38 of Grayling: Disorderly Person/Drunk; ordered to pay \$216 in fines/costs and/or 21 days in jail.

Thomas Robert Sims, 60 of Grayling: Retail Fraud third Degree; ordered to pay \$210 in fines/costs and/or 21 days in jail.

David Craig Smith, 27 of Grayling: Disturbance of the Peace; sentenced to 1 day in jail with credit given for 1 day served.

Staci Marie Bullion, 31 of Petoskey: License Suspended/Revoked-Allow Suspended Person to Operate and Entered in Traffic Module; ordered to pay \$285 in fines/costs and/or 28 days in jail.

David Robert May Jr., 25 of Caro: Impaired Driving; ordered to pay \$450 in fines/costs and/or 45 days in jail.

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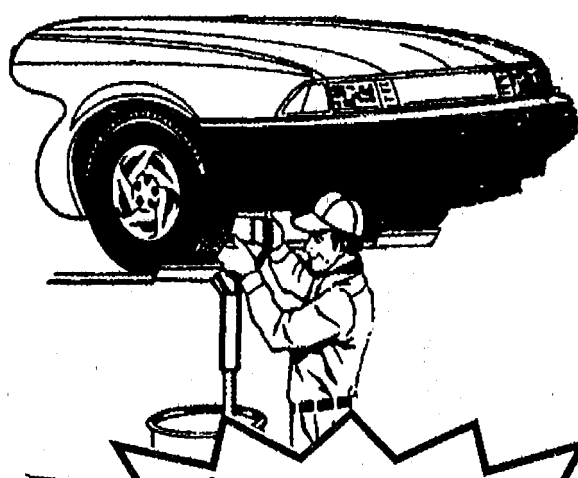
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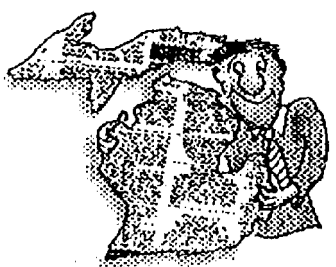
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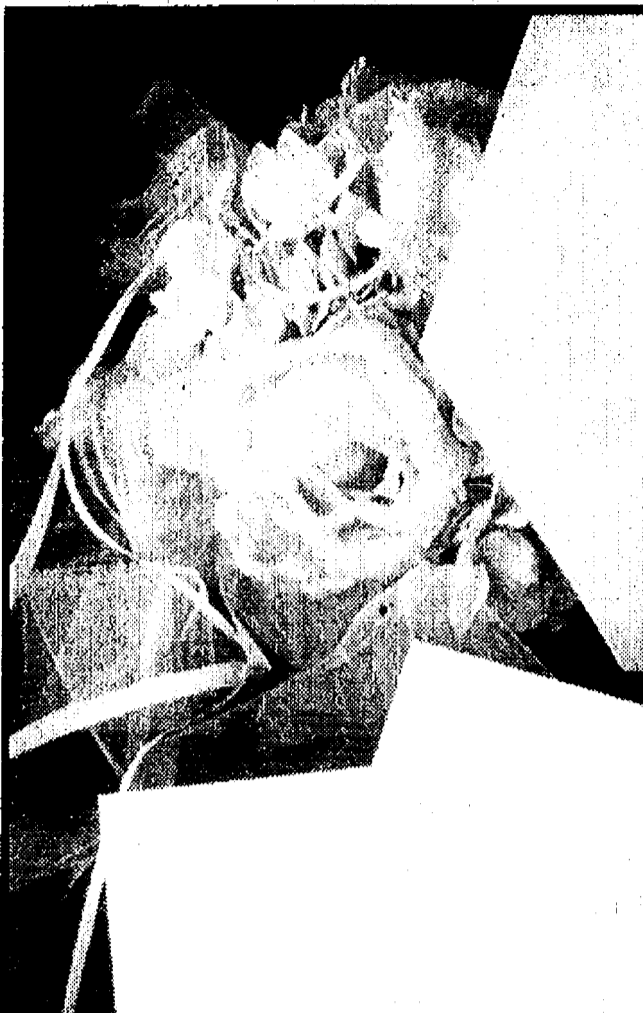
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Your wedding is about six months to a year away. Do you know what to do and when to do it? Here is a timeline that specifies the approximate time tasks should be completed. Use this list as a guide.

Six to 12 Months

1. Announce your engagement. Have someone throw you a party and send an engagement announcement to your local newspaper.
2. Decide on what kind of wedding. Less formal weddings are usually held in the morning or early afternoon. Late afternoon and evening weddings are traditionally more formal.
3. Decide on the time of day. Are you prepared to feed your guests dinner or do you want a simple ceremony with cake and punch only? The time of day that you choose will dictate the food choices.
4. Choose a location. Remember to take into consideration what the weather could be like on your wedding day.
5. Pick a date. Do this as soon as possible so that your bridal party and faraway family can begin making arrangements for motels and scheduling time away from their jobs.
6. Set a budget. This is so important. Discuss it carefully between the two of you and your respective families.
7. Select the bridal party. It is important to do this as soon as possible so these special people can set aside time to fulfill their duties and

roles in your wedding.

8. Choose your colors. Your flowers, attire, linens and cake will reflect your choice. Since you have to shop for these items fairly far in advance, it's important that you are rock-solid on your color decision.

9. Choose and order the bridal gown, bridesmaids' gowns and accessories. Choose wisely and stay within your budget.

10. Start planning the honeymoon. Discuss this with the groom and let him make some of the major choices.

11. Begin your bridal registry. Visit your favorite stores and choose items that you will need to start your life together.

12. Select the caterer, photographer, florist and musicians. Keep their phone numbers handy.

13. Start planning the reception. Secure a hall, hotel or whatever suits you for your reception area.

14. Start your premarital counseling. Some churches require this for a marriage.

15. Choose and order the wedding rings.

Three Months

1. Complete the guest list.
2. Plan to have both mothers select their dresses. The mother of the groom will often wait for the mother of the bride to select her dress.
3. Finalize the reception. If you are going to rent anything, do it now.
4. Make reservations for the honeymoon. Remember to tell them you will be newlyweds. You'll be surprised how many perks you will get.
5. Confirm the dates and times with the florist, caterer, photographer, musicians and church.
6. Discuss transportation to and from the wedding and reception sites.
7. Order the wedding cake.
8. Choose and order the tuxes.
9. Schedule the bridesmaids' dress fittings. This would also be a good time to choose and dye the shoes if necessary.

Two Months

1. Mail the invitations.
2. Get the marriage license.
3. Finalize the honeymoon plans.

One Month

1. Reserve accommodations for the guests.
2. Record gifts received and send thank-you notes. Many couples think that they have to wait to send those thank-you notes. Get them done as soon as the gifts begin to arrive.
3. Plan the rehearsal and dinner. This is the responsibility of the groom and his family but all should work together on this.
4. Purchase the gifts for the bridal party. Brides often buy inexpensive earrings or necklaces that the bridesmaids can wear to the wedding. Popular choices for the groomsmen are money clips, keychains or ball caps.
5. Schedule the final fittings for bride and bridesmaids.
6. Schedule appointments at beauty salons for attendants, if needed.
7. Hold the bridesmaids' luncheon.
8. Purchase a guest book and decide where it will go. Some couples place the guest book just inside the door of the church or wedding area. Some prefer to display it at the reception. In either case, have someone stand nearby to invite guests to sign the book.

Two Weeks

1. Finalize the wedding day transportation.
2. Arrange to have names changed on driver's license, social security card, etc.

One Week

1. Start packing for the honeymoon. Be sure to choose clothing that you won't need during this very busy week.
2. Finalize the number of guests with the caterer if not already done.
3. Plan seating arrangements for the guests.
4. Have a beautician practice fixing your hair. You may also want to practice your make-up or make an appointment at a department store to have it done for you.
5. Make sure that wedding rings are picked up and fit.

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* Marriage is the triumph of imagination over intelligence. Second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience.

* Marriage is when a man and woman become as one; the trouble starts when they try to decide which one.

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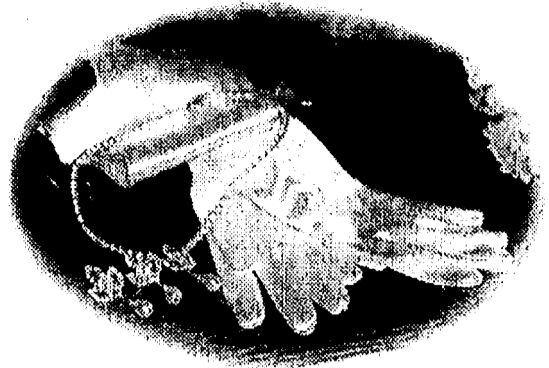
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Mothers of the bride tend to go a little crazy when first confronted with the fact that their child is getting married. Their emotions often jump from elation to fear and from sadness to joy. Your mother may be apprehensive about planning the perfect wedding and unbelieving that she is going to be a mother-in-law. Please be patient with her, love her and include her in your plans.

The first thing you can do is take your mother out to lunch and tell her about the wedding proposal. She will feel honored you want to share this special moment with her. All mothers are very interested in who, what, why, when and where the proposal took place. Was it romantic? Was he down on one knee? Was the proposal a surprise? The telling and retelling of the proposal story will be a perfect opportunity for you to lead the conversation toward the topic of wedding plans. Let your

mother know what your initial plans are. You might even ask her advice. Are you planning a large or small wedding? Will the wedding be indoors or outside? What kind of reception are you planning? These are all things to discuss with your mother, especially if she will be paying for the event.

Try listening to Mom. Your mother may give you so much advice you feel overwhelmed. Try to sift through it and focus on what you can use. She may have some wonderful ideas. Mom will be able to tell you if Uncle Harry is allergic to certain flowers, which can then be eliminated from your wedding bouquets. She may have some ideas for recipes to share at the reception or what kind of dress would look good on you or what colors would be perfect for the season or your eyes. She can help you in choosing the right people for your bridal party. Trust her, listen to her and then choose whatever works for you.

You can learn so much about your mother by listening to stories about her wedding day. Learn what her dreams were when she was your age. Listen to what she's learned over the years about being married

and making a marriage work. Some mothers will even be able to tell you what breaks a marriage apart. That is valuable advice as well.

Some moms are the kind that want to do everything or you. They believe this is the best way to help. As much as your mom's heart may be in the right place, you probably want to do most of the wedding planning yourself. Talk with your mother and explain that while you love her and appreciate her help, you'd like to make the final decisions about your wedding. Remember to use statements such as, "Mom, I am so glad you are willing to help, but" Diplomacy is the name of the game.

Some mothers will not do anything to help or you might be the one that chooses not to involve your mom. If this is the case, just deal with it and don't become frustrated. Chances are you have plenty of friends to help pick up the slack. Use them.

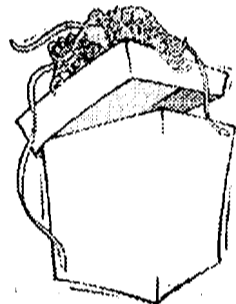
Mom was there for every memorable moment of your life. In most cases there is nothing that would keep her from being at your wedding. Just remember, no matter what, you will always be her little baby.

Creative gifts for the bride and groom

Most couples register for wedding gifts at their favorite stores and choose items that span a wide price range. Bridal registration is helpful when searching for the perfect gift. However, if you've waited too long and are looking for that last-minute gift or you just want to give them something unique, you may like a few of these suggestions.

Offer some of your time and help the newlyweds transport their wedding gifts, supplies and rental items back to their proper places. Also offer your services to help with the cleanup of the reception hall, bride's and groom's dressing rooms or church/ceremony area.

Stock the newlyweds' refrigerator and cupboards with food. Give them some of their favorite treats they may not be able to afford just yet and enough meat and side dishes for a few meals. It would be really nice if you could stock their freezer with a few pre-cooked meals they could throw in their microwave and reheat. Give them some staples such as milk, eggs, butter and pantry items like sugar, flour and salt. Slip in some fun things like popcorn, cookies, fruit and cereal. Don't forget paper and cleaning products like paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap and laundry detergent.



Hop in the car and run around to some of the couple's favorite restaurants. Try to obtain a variety of gift certificates. They won't have to cook for weeks! If the newlyweds have a ready-made family, give them a promissory note to do some free babysitting to go along with some of those dinner gift certificates.

If you are invited to a wedding at the right time of year or you know one is coming up, you can give the newlyweds Christmas ornaments. Many couples celebrate their nuptials during the spring and summer seasons. They are happily into their marriage when Christmas arrives and they find they have no ornaments. When bargain hunting after Christmas grab some unique-looking ornaments and remember where you stored them. Another idea is to search for ornaments that were popular when the bride and groom were children. To go along with the ornaments, you might want to get some lights or garland.

Another creative gift is towels—

yes, I know, but, everybody needs towels. The key here is in the presentation. Roll some bath towels and place them in a medium-sized basket that matches the couple's bathroom colors. Again, roll several dish towels, and matching dish cloths, stack them pyramid-style and wrap in wire-stemmed ivy garland the bride or groom can use later.

If the newlyweds will be moving to a home, purchase a young fruit tree or a decorative tree to commemorate their wedding. You can even offer to help them plant it. If they are going to live in an apartment, put the tree in a big pot. The couple can plant it later in the backyard of their new home.

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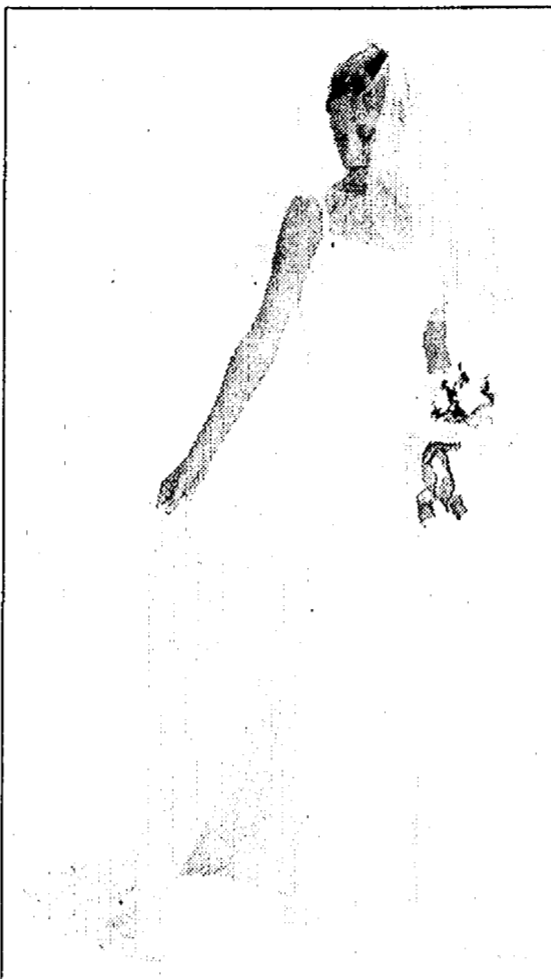
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At no other time in your life will you wear such an important or elegant dress than on your wedding day. Shopping for this once-in-a-lifetime treasure takes time, planning, patience and persistence. As soon as you become engaged begin contemplating your options and preferences.

The following suggestions may help you find the dress of your dreams and will, hopefully, provide a few tips to make your search more pleasant and profitable.

Be strong! Decide at the very beginning how much you will spend on your wedding gown. Once you have decided on your price, stick to it! Keep in mind that you will also need to purchase a headpiece, gloves, shoes and hosiery, lingerie and jewelry. While visiting every bridal shop within a hundred-mile radius of your home, ask to see only the dresses that are within your price range. Do you remember that old saying, "What you don't know won't hurt you?" Well, what you don't see won't hurt your budget.

Only shop at reputable bridal shops. If you're unsure if the shop is reputable, speak to other customers and call the Better Business Bureau. This may seem a bit drastic but when you consider that the wedding gown is one of the biggest purchases of a wedding, it makes sense. Be careful not to buy a counterfeit dress. Make sure that if you pay for a brand name you receive a brand name. Call the manufacturer or go online to verify that the bridal shop is indeed a dealer for that dress manufacturer.

If at all possible, order your dress six to nine months before your wedding date. Set the delivery date for three to four weeks before the big day so you'll have plenty of time for alterations. Ask your bridal shop consultant to measure you as precisely as possible. You don't want to spend extra money turning a size 14 dress into a size 10. Request that she use a non-stretchable measuring tape. Cloth tape often becomes stretched and inaccurate as the months go by. Once you've ordered your dress, check with the bridal shop frequently for an update on your gown. And, as for all business deals, make sure you sign a contract that states the delivery date of your dress, the cost of your

dress and alterations, and any refund information.

You might also consider borrowing a gown. Ask a family member or favorite friend if you could wear their wedding dress. If so, be sure and discuss how she would feel about alterations, cleaning and possible accidents.

Used wedding gowns are another popular option. Look into buying or renting a gown. The prices of the gowns you can purchase usually vary from \$100 to \$700. The dresses are usually in excellent condition. There are even mother's dresses and bridesmaid's dresses. You should receive a contract from these shops as you would from a regular bridal shop. When renting a dress, however, there is a catch. Alterations are usually out of the question because the dress will be rented again so they will have to fit you as is.

The last bit of information you should know is which kind of dress goes with your wedding plans.

Informal Wedding: 50 guests or less, daytime

Lacy suit or street-length dress
Corsage or small bouquet

No veil

Semiformal Wedding: 100-200 guests, daytime

Floor-length gown or tea-length gown

Veil or wide-brimmed hat

Small bouquet

Formal Wedding: 200+ guests, daytime or evening

Floor-length gown

Fingertip veil or hat (longer for evening)

Sweep or chapel train

Gloves

Medium-sized bouquet

Very Formal Wedding: 200+ guests, evening

Floor-length gown with cathedral train

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The bridal party

Each wedding needs a bridal party no matter how large or small. Choosing your bridal party is one of the first things you will do after the engagement. By being prompt you will be able to give your friends a fair amount of time to get ready for the wedding day. Choose friends and family who are close to you and will support you in your marriage and will be responsible and attentive.

The job of maid/matron of honor holds tremendous responsibility. Here are some things to consider when choosing the maid of honor.

- The maid of honor helps the bride address the envelopes, record gifts at the bridal shower and the wedding and shop for the dress, flowers, decorations and many other things. She helps with all the pre-wedding tasks.

- She, along with the help of the other bridesmaids, plans and holds a bridal shower.

- She helps the bride decorate for the wedding and reception.

- She makes sure that the bride's wedding dress is pressed and ready.

- She helps the bride dress.

- She arranges the bride's veil and train at the altar.

- She brings the groom's ring to

the ceremony.

- She holds the bride's bouquet during the ceremony when the bride and groom exchange the rings.

- She signs the wedding certificate.

- She sits for all appropriate pictures.

- She dances with the best man during the attendants' dance at the reception.

- She participates in the bouquet toss if she is not married.

The best man is another important job. Consider these duties when choosing a best man.

- The best man organizes the bachelor party, being considerate of all men and their tolerances.

- He drives the groom to the ceremony.

- He brings the bride's ring to the ceremony.

- He gives the officiant, and other service providers, their fees immediately after or before the ceremony.

- He returns the groom's tux, if rented.

- He oversees the transportation of gifts to the place of the gift opening.

- He helps the groom get ready for



the ceremony.

- He signs the marriage certificate.

- He sits for all appropriate pictures.

- He dances with the maid of honor during the attendants' dance.

- He gives the first toast at the reception.

- He drives the "getaway" car.

Other groomsmen and bridesmaids usually attend the pre-wedding celebrations and on the wedding day stand with the bride and groom. Even though they don't hold as prestigious a position as the best man and maid of honor, they are still important people and need to be considered carefully.

All of your wedding party should be people who will stay in contact with you over the years and will love and support you and your new spouse.

Day of wedding emergency kit

Prepare for last minute crises, by packing as many of these items as possible, and you'll improve your chances for a smooth, flawless wedding day.

Day of Wedding Emergency Kit.

Master contact list, with names and numbers

List of must-have photos for the photographer

Chalk to cover spots on the gown

Iron or steamer

White thread & needle

Black thread & needle

Color of bridesmaids dresses thread & needle

Baby powder, talc

Antacids

Special medications

Aspirin

Ibuprofen

Safety pins

Mirror

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Breath mints

A small deodorant

Hand sanitizer

Tissues (place a few in the front pews on each side of the aisle)

Hair pins

Curling iron

A small sewing kit

Lipstick & lip gloss

Dental floss

Toothbrush, toothpaste, whitening cream

Contact lens solution & case

Eye drops

Smelling salts

Prepackaged hand wipes

Cash, credit cards, debit cards, blank check and I.D.

Cell phone

Comb, brush or hair pick

Nail file & nail clippers

Touch up nail polish

Nail glue

Extra pair of pantyhose

Compact with mirror, face powder, eye shadow, makeup base, blush and a tube of waterproof mascara

Extra earring backs

Bathrobe

Allergy medication or sinus spray

Clear band aids

Razor and shaving cream

Hand lotion

Fragrance

Mouthwash

Drivers license & car keys for a quick getaway in case you change your mind

Feminine hygiene product(s)

Scissors for garment threads and decoration repairs

Tape for lint removal/lint brush

Shout stain removal wipes

Clear nail polish for hose runners and jewelry that itches

Bottled water

Sticky Straps

Clear tape

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Hairspray for ink spots

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Duct tape (handy to mark spots so attendants know where to stand)

Sandpaper, roughen the bottom of new shoes for traction

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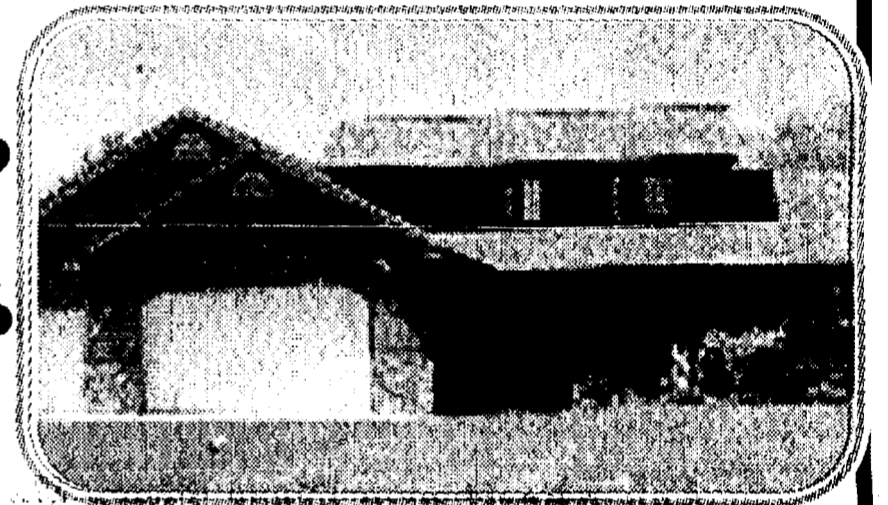
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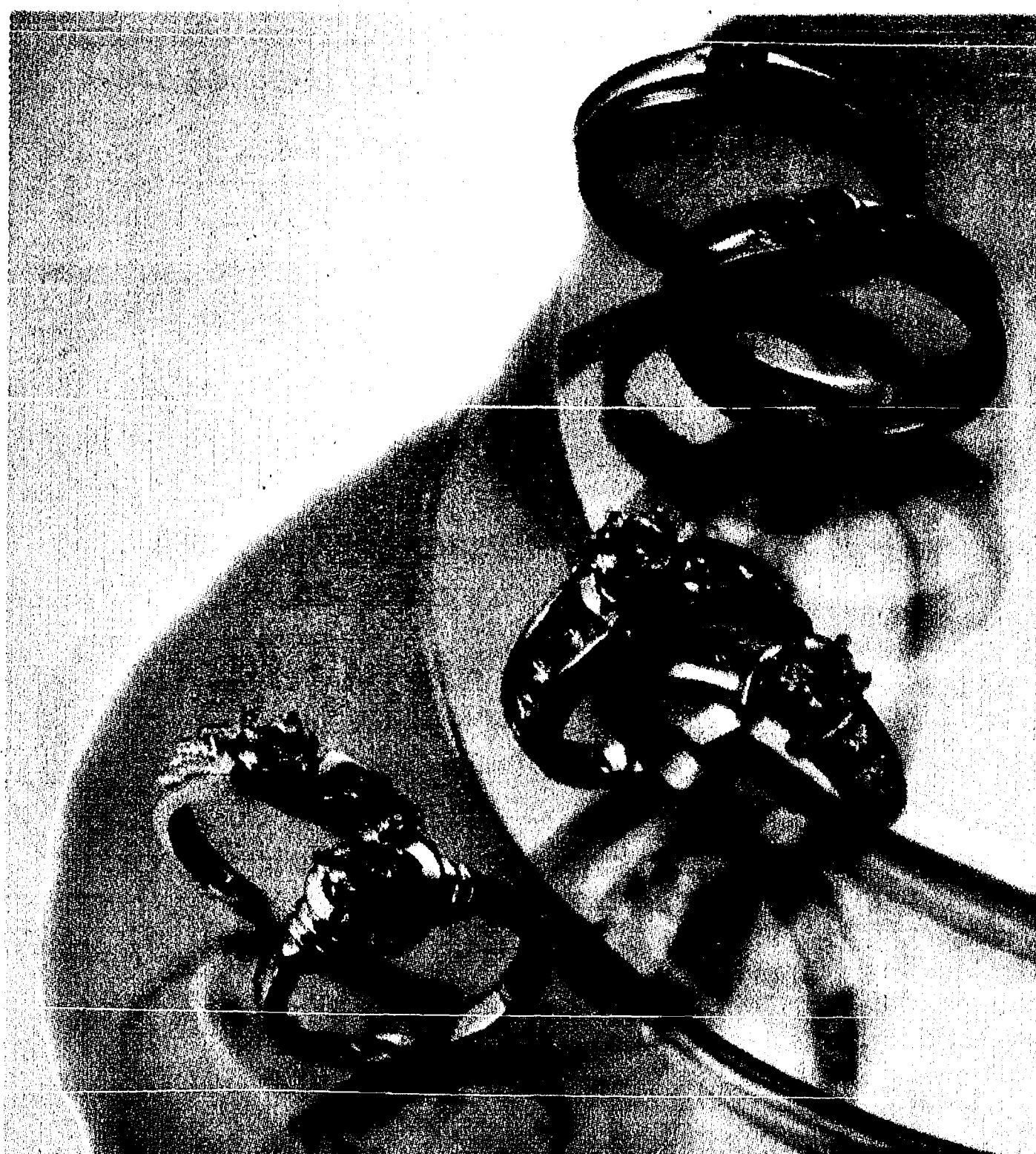
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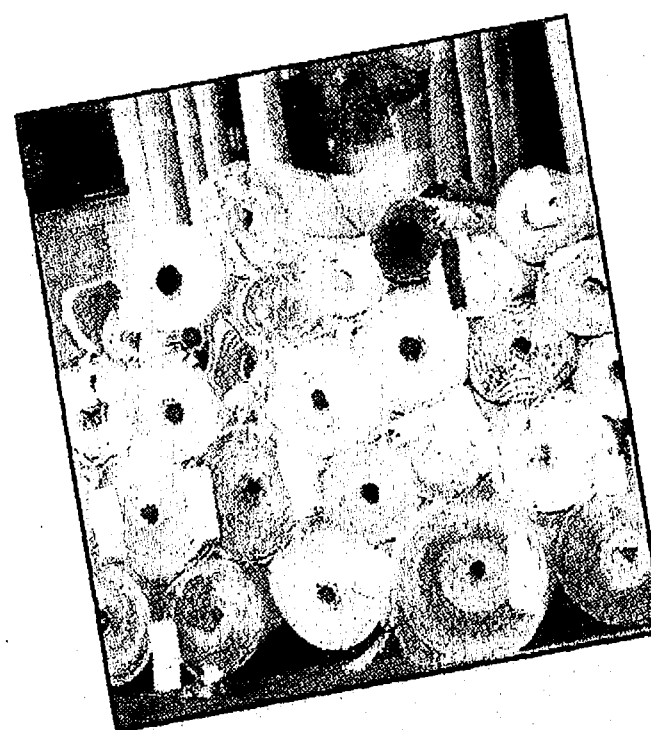
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